

Welcome to Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
where our mission is to make and mature disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

HOLY COMMUNION

September 13, 2020, 8:45 AM Worship in the Chapel

WELCOME: "We welcome others into a relationship..."

PRELUDE Nancy Cline, pianist
GREETING Rev. Beth Wilterdink

WORSHIP: so that they can worship God, ...

CALL TO WORSHIP* (Psalm 27)
The Lord is our light and our salvation!
Why should we be afraid?
The Lord is the stronghold of our life!
What have we to fear?
Let us shout with joy to God!
Let us sing and make music before our God.

+ OPENING HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402

UNISON PRAYER
God of grace, You have invited us to follow You, but our lives get
in the way. This moment, of worship, of focus, is a pause in life's
busy-ness to build our life around You. May it be so.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

NURTURE: be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another...

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-20 NRSV
As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who
is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for
they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make
you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

MESSAGE Follow Me
Rev. Beth Wilterdink

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING* (Matthew 4)
Beside the lakeshore, long ago, Jesus called to his disciples: "Follow
me, and I will make you fish for people!" Jesus calls to us today:
"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." The ministry begun by
the Sea of Galilee continues in our day when we proclaim the good
news of God's love. Let us give with joy as we follow Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER* (Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)
O God,
we have seen Your glory,
felt the touch of Your love,
and felt Your presence with us.
With joyful hearts,
we offer You our gifts.
Having heard Your call,
we offer You our lives and our service. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*
(Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians, Matthew 9)
God of light,
we live in the darkness of despair:
worried about our lives,
concerned for our health,
fearful that we are lost from You.
The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:
our unwillingness to forgive,
our fears of one another,
our reluctance to share what we have,
our divisions and quarrels.
We long to turn from the dark
and live in the light.
We yearn to leave what is evil
and follow the paths of righteousness.
Shine the light of Your love upon us
and transform us with Your love,
that Your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(Psalm 27)
The light of God's love
shines into the dark places of our world,
healing its brokenness,
and bringing hope to places of despair.
The light of God's love
makes us a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Let us now pray together:
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."

+ CLOSING HYMN O How I Love Jesus UMH 170

+ BENEDICTION* (Matthew 4)
Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.
Go and tell the news of God's love.
Cast the nets of grace wide,
that all may see the glory of God.
Go forth and shine with God's light!
May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—
bless you with the radiance of love.
+ GO FORTH
+please stand as you are able

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4614/worship-elements-january-26-2020-option-2>

Note: During this time of health precautions, the Communion liturgy will be
a part of each week's early service, and the blessed Communion elements
are to be taken home with you to partake after the service.
A liturgy card is also provided.

