

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.

September 20, 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
Leader: Welcome God into this moment, for Christ has welcomed us.
People: Creator God, come into our lives.
Leader: Christ our Lord, come into our hearts.
People: Holy Spirit, come in this place. Amen.

+ **OPENING HYMN** *I Surrender All* UMH 354

UNISON PRAYER
God of Love, we stand in Your midst, soaking up Your radiating love. Give us the strength and faith to forgive, the way that You've forgiven us. May we claim You as the rock of our lives. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

SCRIPTURES
Matthew 15:7-8
Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: ' This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

Luke 7:47-50 NRSV
Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

MESSAGE *What Must I Do?*
Rev. Beth Wilterdink

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING* (Galatians 2, Luke 7)
We come to this moment of our worship each week, and it is a way for us to show God our love. When we love someone or something, we give of ourselves, and so we offer these gifts in joy and gratitude and love, for all that God has given us—especially God's best gift of love, Jesus, who lives within us.

OFFERING PRAYER* (Psalm 5)
O God,
through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
we are able to come into Your house
with gratitude and praise.
Accept our gifts—
our money, our time, our very selves.
May they help forge Your beloved community
here on earth.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1 Kings 21, Galatians 2, Luke 7)*
O God,
our world seems in such a mess:
greed triumphs over generosity;
death appears stronger than life;
people judge one another harshly;
sin abounds and grace recedes far away.
Forgive us, O God,
when we succumb to the forces
of sin, greed, judgment, and death;
when we act as if You are not here with us;
when we fail to do the things we should:
welcome all people with love and joy,
live in an attitude of abundance,
find ways to support Your work in the world.
Like the woman with the alabaster jar,
may we lay all that we are
and all that we have at Your feet,
trusting in Your forgiving, steadfast love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Luke 7)*
Sisters and brothers,
Jesus said to the woman with the alabaster jar,
"Your sins are forgiven."
Hear his words for yourselves,
and take them into your heart and soul.

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** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

+ **BENEDICTION*** (1 Kings 21, Galatians 2, Luke 7)*
Go forth into the world as people reborn.
Live generosity, not greed.
Celebrate life, not death.
Revel in the abundant grace
that flows over and through us,
and bring that love and grace
to a world deeply in need.
Go in peace. Amen.

+ **GO FORTH**
+please stand as you are able

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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.

