

# HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 5, 2026



*Welcome one another  
as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THIS WEEK

- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**: This **Friday** (Apr 3) at **7:00PM**.

## THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

- **EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**: There will be NO Sunday School, NO fellowship lunch after worship, and NO evening service.
- **EASTER BREAKFAST**: We will enjoy our annual breakfast together at **9:00AM** (cooked by the men of the church).
- **DEACON OFFERING**: Please remember to support Hope's diaconal ministries with your monthly offering this Sunday.

## NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Apr 7) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: Men of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast and fellowship next **Saturday** (Apr 11) at **8:00AM**.

## COMING UP

- **QUARTERLY WIC MEETING**: The April women's meeting will take place during lunch on Sunday, **April 12**.
- **PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY**: The next meeting will be held here at Hope on Thursday and Friday **May 21 & 22**. We will need volunteers to help in various ways.

# MORNING WORSHIP



## SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

## GREETING

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from [\*Psalm 148:1-5, 13\*](#)

## SONGS OF PRAISE

[\*"Gloria Patri"\*](#)

#734

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

[\*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"\*](#)

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**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!  
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*  
foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*  
made like him, like him we rise: *Alleluia!*  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!***

**Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!***

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## SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[\*1 Peter 4:1-5\*](#)

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Our Father and our Creator, we are gathered today to remember and celebrate the saving work of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. He rose from the grave and ascended to your right hand as proof that His sacrifice was accepted and that sins are forgiven for all who believe in Him. Let us not, O Lord God, be complacent in our faith, returning to past sins of sensuality, sinful passions, or lawless idolatry. You have made us new in Christ Jesus. Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, that we might turn from sin to faithful and grateful service, glorifying and enjoying you in all things.**

## SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS  
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS  
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[\*Psalms 32:5\*](#)

# SINGING GOD'S GRACE

*"Always Forgiven"*

*Songbook*

**I don't deserve to be Your servant,  
and how much less to be Your child.  
Anger and wrath, sure condemnation,  
should be my portion, my just reward.  
Never have seen it, never will know it,  
Your loving kindness enfolds my life.**

*All You have shown me  
is grace, love, and mercy.*

*Now and forever,*

*I am Your child.*

*Freely, You pour out  
Your loving kindness*

*Father of grace,  
You welcome me in.*

**All of the sin I have committed  
was placed upon Your righteous Son.  
And now You see me through His perfection,  
as if I'd never done any wrong.  
Always forgiven, always accepted,  
no fear of judgment before Your throne.**

*All You have shown me  
is grace, love, and mercy.*

*Now and forever,*

*I am Your child.*

*Freely, You pour out  
Your loving kindness*

*Father of grace,  
You welcome me in.*

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## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 24*

*A Psalm of David.*

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
8 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!  
9 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
10 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

*Selah*

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"* (Ps 24) #198 vv 1–3

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near,  
the Savior of the world is here.**

**A helper just he comes to thee,  
his chariot is humility,  
his kingly crown is holiness,  
his scepter, pity in distress.**

**O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King in triumph comes!**

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## PRAYER

[Mauritius \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): An exquisite African gem, the volcanic island of Mauritius is home to a breathtaking array of natural wonders. From the virgin forests of the island's interior to the sandy surroundings of dreamy lagoons and warm tropical beaches that span the coastline, Mauritius's habitat is as refreshing as the people who have maintained its beauty. In addition to the fairytale environment, the nation's history remains stoically distinct from the many tragedies of other African nations.

Discovered by Westerners as early as the 10th century, Mauritius was not explored until the 1500s by the Portuguese. A Dutch settlement during the 1600s ushered in five hundred years of colonial occupation ending in 1968, when Mauritius gained independence from the UK. The Dutch, French, and British occupations interestingly left the island free of political strife. The nation has since maintained a stable democracy, and the economy, though fragile upon independence, has grown through the booming tourism and textile industries. The capital city of Port Louis is the wealthiest city in Africa, and the nation has one of the highest per capita incomes on the continent. With free health care and university education, the citizens of this nation are physically well cared for.

An ethnic melting pot, Mauritius is home to peoples of Indonesian, Creole, Chinese, and European descent, and with such variety has come a multiplicity of religious beliefs. The Hindu majority, whose ideologies infiltrate much of society and culture, make it difficult to evangelize effectively. The need is great for Gospel advancement amongst unreached ethnic minorities and the young people of this nation. Mauritius has the highest opiate use in Africa, primarily among young people. In response, the church must reach out to those in bondage and share God's saving truth to people in need of healing. Pray that God would rise up steadfast leaders within the Mauritian Church and empower congregations to unite in truth, sharing the saving power of the Gospel with their family and friends.

- Pray for a surge in national Christian workers.
- Pray for unity among Christian organizations to effectively minister to this religiously diverse nation.
- Pray for more Christian internet resources in the languages of the highly connected population.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,  
THE CONGREGATION SHALL 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SERMON TEXT

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## SERMON

*“Jesus, Our Great Great Priest”*

# GRATEFUL PRAISE

*“Thine Be the Glory”*

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**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory,  
risen conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry  
thou o’er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

*Thine be the glory,  
risen conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry  
thou o’er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu’rors, thro’ thy deathless love;  
bring us safe thro’ Jordan to thy home above.**

*Thine be the glory,  
risen conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry  
thou o’er death hast won.*

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# THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

**WHITE GRAPE JUICE** IS IN THE TRAYS.

**GLUTEN-FREE BREAD** IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

# GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

THE **SECOND** OFFERING IS FOR HOPE'S **DEACON FUND**.

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"* (Ps 24) #198 vv 4-6

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

**So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
*alleluia, alleluia!***  
**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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## BENEDICTION

*Hebrews 13:20–21*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*“May the Peace of God”*

*Songbook*

**May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

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