

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

One: According to God's great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefined, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

All: **In this rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God.**

-based on 1 Peter 1:3-4

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

HYMN 28

Verse 1

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!**

Verse 2

**Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

Verse 3

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

Verse 4

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

Verse 5

**Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.**

Verse 6

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

- Verse 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**
- Verse 2 **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- Verse 3 **To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.**
- Verse 4 **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.**

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

**All: Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our
understanding, and you have set us on paths of
righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed
from your way; we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, through what we have done and what
we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift
of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise
you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and
to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns
with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

As members of
Christ's body,
we confess the
reality of sin
and brokenness
in personal and
common life and
ask for God's
saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

- WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;
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.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 26

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ his son.
I trust him so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me in his sad world.
He is able to do this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:15-21

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

SERMON SCRIPTURE

PSALM 90

PASTOR BRANDON JOLLEY

-WE JOIN TO FEAST-

HYMN OF PREPERATION

JUST AS I AM

HYMN 293

- Verse 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
 but that Thy blood was shed for me,
 and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!
- Verse 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
 with many a conflict, many a doubt,
 fightings within and fears without,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!
- Verse 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
 because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!
- Verse 6 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
 hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.
ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!
ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!
ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.
ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.
ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD'S SUPPER

Lord's Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.

Verse 1 **When we walk with the Lord
in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain **Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

Verse 3 **Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
but is blessed if we trust and obey.**

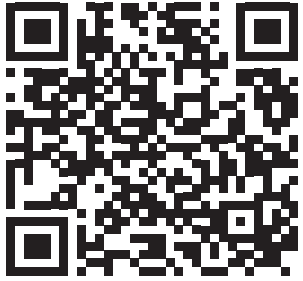
Verse 5 **Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.**

A benediction
is literally a
"good word"
or a blessing
to carry with
us as we leave
our time of
worship.

§ BENEDICTION

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS: There is information and a VBS sign up sheet in the side sanctuary. Please let me know if you have any questions about different areas to volunteer. VBS will be held June 8th - 11th. Registration is open. It will be open through Wednesday May 13th. A link can be found on our website. Or scan the QR code below to get your child registered.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 17th, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to select three at large members to serve on the nominating committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The church anniversary luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 17th immediately following the congregational meeting. More details will be shared soon.

LITURGIST SIGN UPS: There is a new liturgist sign up sheet in the side sanctuary. If you are interested in being a liturgist on a Sunday, but have questions, reach out to Kathleen or Brandon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INFO: We are in need of volunteers for the preschool and elementary rooms on Sunday, May 24th.

FIFTH SUNDAY: All children (minus the nursery) will be in service on Sunday, May 31st to allow children's ministry volunteers and for all children to be a part of Sunday service.

SESSION MEETING: The next Session meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th, at 6:00pm.

BLESSING BOX: We are very low on food supplies for our Blessing Box. Everything from boxed food, spaghetti and sauce, breakfast items to personal hygiene items are welcomed. Items can be placed in the basket in the side sanctuary, under the "Blessing Box" sign.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study. We've just started a new study using Kevin DeYoung's book on the Heidelberg Catechism. The book's title is *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Saved, Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts by Nancy Guthrie. Sunday mornings at 9:30, downstairs in the back Fellowship Hall room.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Paul Harsh, Steve Leser, Lexi Jones, Kim Hamilton, Becky Wertz, Dave Pennington, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Hannah McAdams, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz, Richard Swaitek

MAY BIRTHDAYS: George Dow & Bill Liverett - 1st, Logan Howland - 3rd, Michelle Plummer - 4th, Libby Findley - 5th, Tammy Spencer - 6th, Sam Steinberg - 10th, Ron Kelsay - 17th, Nora Davidson & Rob Shilts - 18th, Jennifer Doty - 19th, Liane Pasborg - 22nd, Andrew Smith - 24th, Jetta-Bea Allender - 25th, Everett Spencer & Steve Yount - 27th

ATTENDANCE: April 26th - 127 April Average - 150; YTD Avg. 122

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“Your days, whether easy or difficult,
should be filled with thanksgiving
because while life changes drastically,
your God remains the same forever.
He is constant—
constantly good, loving, and faithful.” ”

- Joe Thorn

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