



Living Hope

Presbyterian Church (OPC)

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

April 21, 2024 11:00 AM

142 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Matthew 6:33

Spiritual Song

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

Invocation & 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. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

The LORD God Reigns in Majesty – TPH 99B*

The LORD God reigns in majesty; let all the nations quake.
He dwells between the cherubim; let earth's foundations shake.
Supreme in Zion is the LORD, exalted gloriously.
All nations, praise his name with awe: the Holy One is he.

The mighty King loves justice well, and equity ordains;
he rules his people righteously and faithfulness maintains.
O magnify the LORD our God, let him exalted be;
in worship at his footstool bow: the Holy One is he.

When priests and prophets called on God, he their petitions heard.
His cloudy pillar led them on, and they obeyed his word.
Tho' sending judgments for their sins, he pardoned graciously.
Exalt the LORD and worship him: the Holy One is he.

Corporate Confession of Sin

A Call to Confession

Psalm 24:3-5

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are poor sinners, unworthy to approach your holy abode. Our hands are not always clean, and our hearts need cleansing if they are to be pure. Hear our private confessions of sin. (*praying silently, confessing our personal sins to God*) We ask forgiveness for all our sins. We commit ourselves to repentance, turning from sin, turning back to you. Forgive us, O Lord. Wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb. And lead us in paths of

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At Living Hope Presbyterian Church, we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper weekly, as appears to have been the practice in the Ancient Church. All who trust in Christ alone for salvation and are members in good standing in His church are welcome to join with us for this celebration of Christ. As part of the sacrament, we offer both wine and grape juice. When the cups are passed, the outer circle of cups contain grape juice, while the inner circles of cups contain wine. We leave it to your discretion as to which you would prefer.

righteousness for your name's sake, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1, 2, 5

Congregational Prayer

A Call to Prayer

Psalm 5:1-3

The Congregational Prayer

Rev. John Kramer

Offering

An Invitation to Bring our Tithes and Offerings

Philippians 4:18-20

Collection

Doxology

TPH 570 / TH 733*

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!

Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of the Word

Rev. Gordon Cook

First Reading of Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn of Preparation

Father, I Know That All My Life (lines 1, 2, & 4) – TPH 500*

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;

the changes that are sure to come I do not fear to see:

I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know;

I would be treated as a child, and guided where to go.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
my secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
a life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

Second Reading of Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Sermon

Love is Patient!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (TPH p.851, TH p.845*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall 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.

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (lines 1, 3, & 4) – TPH 338*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn

I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills (lines 1, 2, & 4) – TPH 121A*

I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
My help comes from the LORD above, who heav'n and earth has made.
He will not let your foot be moved; your keeper will not sleep.
Behold, he slumbers not, nor sleeps, for he will Israel keep.
The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life secure.
Your going out and coming in, the LORD keeps evermore.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Parting Hymn

(to the tune *Dundee*, TPH 121A, TH 105*)

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

Today: 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 ~ 12:30 PM SUNDAY TIME OF PRAYER
This week: 7:00 PM MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

It is with sadness that we note the passing of our dear brother, Calvin Frink, into God's eternal glory this past Monday and give thanks to God for his life and labors as a deacon among us in this congregation. Our hearts and prayers go out for Debbie and their children, Robbie, Paul, Sarah, and Katie, as well as their 8 grandchildren. Pray for all of Cal's family and his many friends as we mourn his passing. Also please pray for the many people with whom Cal ministered in their times of need; may his labors of love and faithfulness continue to bear fruit in the lives of those whom he assisted. Calling hours will be held on Friday, April 26, from 4 – 6 PM at Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, Maine. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 2 PM at the First Baptist Church of Gardiner, 47 Church Street, Gardiner, Maine.

The Session will meet on Monday afternoon at 2 PM at the church building.

Consider joining our Bible Study group at 7 PM on Thursday via Zoom. This week we will be considering Mark 6:14-28. If you want a zoom invite to join the study, send Gordon an email before Thursday noon.

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