



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 28, 2024 11:00 AM

142 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Psalm 22:22

Spiritual Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky—Lord, I lift your name on high.

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Call to Worship

Psalm 100

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

Shout to the LORD, All Earth – TPH 100A*

Shout to the LORD, all earth, and make a joyful noise!

With gladness serve the LORD your God; before him lift your voice!

Now know the LORD is God. He made us, we are his—
his people and his sheep, who safely in his pasture graze.

Enter his gates with thanks, and fill his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voices raise.

Because the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures;
from age to age, forevermore, his faithfulness is sure.

Corporate Confession of Sin

A Call to Confession

Psalm 51:15-17

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge. Cleanse us and we will be clean; wash us and we will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquity. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Open our lips and we will declare your praise. The sacrifices that please you are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16; Acts 10:43

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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.

Congregational Prayer

A Call to Prayer

Psalm 9:10

The Congregational Prayer

Rev. John Kramer

Offering

An Invitation to Bring our Tithes and Offerings

Acts 20:35

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

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Hymn of Preparation

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name (lines 1, 3, & 5) – TPH 22B*

All you that fear Jehovah's name, his glory tell, his praise proclaim;

you children of his chosen race, stand now in awe before his face, stand now in awe before his face.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise amid your people songs of praise;

before all them that fear you, now I worship you and pay my vow, I worship you and pay my vow.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;

from age to age shall men be taught what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,

what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

Second Reading of Scripture

Titus 3:1-8

Sermon

Love Is Kind

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

Praise the Savior Now and Ever (lines 1 & 2) – TPH 335*

Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
prostrate lying, suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;
he, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Thro' his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (lines 1 & 3) – TPH 46C*

God is our refuge and our strength, a helper ever near us.

We will not fear though earth be moved, for God is nigh to cheer us.

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Although the mountains quake and earth's foundations shake,
though angry billows roar and break against the shore, our mighty God will hear us.

Behold what God has done on earth; His wrath brings desolation.
His grace, commanding wars to cease, brings peace to every nation.
Be still, for He is Lord, by all the earth adored;
the Lord of hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High is our strong habitation.

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
	10:35 AM	SUNDAY TIME OF PRAYER
	11 AM	MORNING WORSHIP
This week:	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Our Bible Study group meets at 7 PM on Thursdays via Zoom. This week we will be considering Mark 6:30-52. If you want a Zoom invite to join the study, send Gordon an email before noon on Thursday.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of a month, will include both a diaconal offering as part of our celebration of the Lord's Supper and a fellowship lunch following worship. Bring something to share and join us in the downstairs fellowship area after morning worship.

Our Easter Coin Collection brought in \$696.35 for OPC missions.

Prayer is very important to LHPC. However, scheduling our **Time of Prayer** has proved challenging. The session is suggesting that we include this at the end of the Sunday School hour rather than after morning worship. If you want to join us for prayer, you may join the group that is gathered downstairs at about 10:35 AM.

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