
Sermon Title: Following His Call

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. Jim Anderson and Jason Chroma are co-leading worship and Rev. Tom Breeden is preaching.

We welcome children of all ages in our worship service!

GATHERING SONG | Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Jesus calls us here to meet Him,
As through word, and song, and prayer,
We affirm God's promised presence
Where His people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps His promise,
Praise the Son who calls us friends;
Praise the Spirit, who among us,
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to each other,
Vastly different though we are.
Race and color, class and gender,
Neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger,
Join the hands of age and youth;
Join the faithful and the doubter,
In their common search for truth.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 9

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with whole hearts;

All: We will tell of all Your marvelous works.

Leader: Your people will be glad and rejoice in You;

All: We will sing to Your name, O Most High!

Leader: Rejoice! The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

SONG OF ADORATION | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend,
To us He'll condescend,
His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ADORATION SONG | Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown;
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise of You alone.

Alleluia! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord, we are weak and frail, and helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. (*Chorus*)

Let every creature in the sea, and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His word. (*Chorus*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Genesis 12:1-9

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | from Psalm 25:16-17

Leader: The sorrows of my heart have increased;

All: **Bring me out of my troubles.**

Leader: Look upon my adversity and misery,

All: **And forgive me all my sin.**

Leader: Let us confess the ways in which we have failed to live as Christ's redeemed disciples. (*Silent confession*)

CONFESSION SONG | Man of Sorrows

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place, condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood,
Alleluia, what a Savior!

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COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL | from Psalm 16:10-11

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what can wash away our sins?

All: **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Leader: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

All: **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**

(the people rise in body or in spirit)

Leader: For the Lord does not abandon us to the grave,

All: **Not let Your Holy One see the pit;**

Leader: In Your presence is fullness of joy,

All: **And in Your right hand are pleasures forever more.**

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SONG OF THANKSGIVING | Man of Sorrows, What a Name!

Man of sorrows, what a Name
For the Son of God who came;
Ruined sinners to reclaim,
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He.
Full atonement, can it be?
Alleluia, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry.
Now in heaven, exalted high,
Alleluia, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Alleluia, what a Savior!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Bless this offering, these gifts we bring!
Bless this offering, these gifts we bring!
May the lost be found, the hungry fed,
The poor find hope, may Your kingdom spread.
Bless this offering, these gifts we bring!

FAMILY TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Closing response)

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING | John 21:20-25

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; He only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION | Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

SERMON | Following His Call

AMEN

A-A- A men! A- A- A men! A- A men! A-men. Amen!

SONG OF RESPONSE | Jesus Paid It All (O Praise the One)

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness,
Watch and pray,
Find in Me your all in all."
*'Cause Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leopard's spots,
And melt the heart of stone. (*Chorus*)

*O praise the One who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead. (2x)*

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat: (*Chorus*)

*O praise the One who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead. (4x)*

Chorus

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion is the family meal of Christians. The Lord Jesus invites all those who are His committed followers to commune with Him at His table: those who trust in Him, who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are willing to forsake their sin, being at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a follower of Jesus, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please spend this time in silent prayer. Children who have been examined by the elders and admitted to the Lord's Table are able to partake of Communion. We will be coming forward, dismissed by rows, for the distribution of Communion.

COMMUNION RESPONSE | From the Kenyan Liturgy

Leader: Is the Father with us?

All: **He is.**

Leader: Is the Son among us?

All: **He is.**

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

All: **He is.**

Leader: This is our God:

All: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We are His people:

All: **We are redeemed by His grace.**

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith.

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

All: **Hallelujah!**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SENDING SONG | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things!" we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord, our God!
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up: (Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid,
For the promised morning, O how long,
O God of Jacob, be my strength. (*Chorus*)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring Shalom! (*Chorus*)

COMMISSIONING

Leader: All our problems

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our difficulties

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All the devil's works

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our hopes

All: **We set on the risen Christ!**

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Reader: As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us
and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

All: **Let us go forth, as God's Easter people!**



