



## *Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service* *Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*

*We express our appreciation for being able to meet on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. May we always look for ways to confront past injustices and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction.*

### *Prelude*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

Let us confess the truth of our lives to our God, for the Lord is just in every way, kind in every work, and always near to all who call.

**God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins — both things we have done and things we have left undone — in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love.**

Beloved children of God, through the power of the Spirit at work among us, God forgives your sins and strengthens your inner beings through the love of + Christ. So, live now trusting that love which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: #720 We Are Called

**1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. (Refrain)**

**3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

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**This is the Feast** (*Hymnal, Setting 4, pages 149-50*)

*Refrain:*

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.***

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

*Refrain:*

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.***

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

*Final Refrain:*

***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**Prayer for the Day**

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Children's Corner**

**First Reading – Isaiah 53: 4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

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Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Word of God, word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as it is said also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Hymnal Setting Four , page 151*)

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia***

**Gospel – Mark 10:35-45**

*The Gospel according to Mark.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

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James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
***Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Sermon**

Mark 10:35-45



Have you ever had one of those days when everything seems to happen at once, and you have to quickly figure out what to do first? The phone rings, the doorbell chimes, the kitchen timer beeps telling you supper needs to come out of the oven, and you need to go to the bathroom. Sheesh! Life can be complicated. That's what these days have been like. An atmospheric river again; global warming, trouble in Ukraine, in Gaza, in Lebanon; friends who are sick; family stress; politics; voting... and on it goes.

Sometimes the world around us is demanding. What are we supposed to do?

### **You will drink...**

The gospel story has been moving us toward Jerusalem... a place of trouble for Jesus. There have been encounters with women, men and children, seeking acceptance, forgiveness and grace. The disciples watched it all. Jesus spoke of his coming suffering, death and rising. Followers were fearful, some moved slowly, and then there were James and John.

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In any group, a few have leadership skills, others pair up, and some work quietly in the background. James and John were called into situations probably to develop their leadership skills. I wonder if they frequently find themselves at the head of the line because others would give way. They were popular like the class clown or the one with painted face and drum cheering the football team.



*Like in my story with the kids about my brother and I trying to sit closest to dad in the front seat, they sidle up near Jesus and seek a special privilege. He listened and responded. However, they got more information than they bargained for, and the answer was, "Sorry, can't do that." Our prayers can be like that too.*

They claimed to be ready to drink the cup of suffering, and be baptized or swamped with the trouble coming for Jesus. They were told: *"You will get your share."* Some years later, James was put to death by Herod Agrippa; and at the cross, Jesus assigned John the humble duty as caregiver for Mary for the rest of her life. Perks and the glory they wanted were outside Jesus' job description. We need to slow down and find God in the moment, even in pain, rather than look for a victory party. Soon enough in Jerusalem, all the disciples would leave Jesus hanging out with two thieves, one at his right hand and one at his left, on crosses. Sometimes the world is not a very nice place. What can you do?

### **Jesus called them... together**

Troubles find us. Either we feel hurt and isolate ourselves, or find help and try to sort things out. Strength and support is in coming together. That is why we gather at anniversaries, birthdays, and the death of loved ones to give or receive support.

James and John were heard appealing for preferential treatment, and the others took offence. Did they think they were better or more deserving than the rest? Jesus wouldn't allow for that. Murmurings and hard feelings take a toll, so he called them... together.

*I learned many important things from Indigenous friends over the years. That community at its best has much to offer like the power of the circle where everyone is on an equal footing. It has been called the geometry of communication. First Nations teach the deep regard for women and their life-giving role in community, the respect for the elderly, and the quiet listening to wisdom. Then there is also laughter; and the recognition of being a partners in creation rather than controllers of it. We can thrive when we model caring and put others first. That's where Jesus was going.*

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When we graciously accept support we can manage. When we demand for ourselves, others can be easily hurt and the world is again not a very nice place. “*Be servants, create the world you want to live in, and be there for each other;*” Jesus tells his friends.

**Tyrants?... Not so among you...**

Privilege doesn't help much. The identity of God's people is found in being servants. The media shows us that we live in a world that always wants more and runs over the weak. Servants are rare lights in a dark places. They lift people from the trash heap. They raise the dead. They provide a freedom like being ransomed from fear. On the cross, Jesus served us with new hope. In our lives with others, we are the servants.

We will have cups of suffering and may be swamped with troubles in life. When the world is demanding and not a nice place, we are a caring community that works things out. We offer our gifts to each another. Some of us are loud, strong and big as life; some are quiet and notice the little things. We stand together against what defeats the weak. We celebrate moments. We mourn losses.

We are the people of God. We have each other. We follow Christ. Our theme is: ***How may we serve you?*** Our joy is: ***We love because He loved us first.***

What are we supposed to do in this troubled world? May God give us hearts strong enough to greet each day and each person in it. We create the world we want to live in, one person at a time. Whether we are first or last, God has a place for each of us.

Sometimes the world is not a very nice place... but we can make a difference.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

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**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence)*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless Bishops, **Kathy and Susan**, as well as ELCIC pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. We also pray for *Oakridge Lutheran* in Vancouver; as well as *Redeemer Lutheran & Pastor Katrina Vigen* in Vancouver. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. Be with those elected to office in BC yesterday. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, especially...

*Ahmad H; Ana B; Anne-Marie B; Bill & Donna B; Carolyn B; Cayleigh B;  
Chris B & family; Gary G; Helena G; Elizabeth H; Dennis K; Kari K;  
Donna & Larry K; Ryan K; Charlotte M; Colleen M; Mary M; Carole O; Paula O;  
Brittany P; Joe & Sally S; Laura S; Colin V; John & Marily; Lorraine & Al; June;  
Kristi; Miriam; Tania; Pastor Kristen Steele; Zack...*

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Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Peace** [*unmute*]

The peace of Christ is with you always!

**And also with you!**

*(We greet each other gently with a wave, a smile,  
or some other gesture of peace)*

**The Offering & Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.** (*Pastor continues...*)

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Hymnal, Setting 4, page 153*)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

**Take this Bread** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**



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**Do this and remember me**

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**

**Do this and remember, remember me.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat. This is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**

**Do this and remember me**

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**

**Do this and remember, remember me.**

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**

**Do this and remember me**

**Take this bread and eat. Take this wine and drink**

**Do this and remember, remember me. Do this and remember, remember me.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Communion** *(those on Zoom will be communed first, and then those in the sanctuary)*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are those who trust in the Lord.**

**Lamb of God** *(Hymnal, Setting 4, page 154)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymns:**

**Hymn #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

***Refrain***

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***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

- 1      Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***
  
- 2      Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***
  
- 3      These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***
  
- 4      Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

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### **Hymn #546 To Be Your Presence**

- 1      To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!**
  
- 2      To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!**
  
- 3      To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!**
  
- 4      We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,**

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**and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!**

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**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song #551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

**1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.**

**2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.**

**3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.**

**4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.**

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*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.*

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Worship Assistants Today

Hymnologist: *Cheryl Satre* (musician selecting hymns):

Reader: *Gerry Jacob*

Intercessions: *Shirley Forwell*

Communion Assistants: *Flo Bender, Marilyn Gross, Carolyn Iles*

Zoom Hosts: *Gerry, Glenn*

Zoom Greeters: *Dorothy Pagan, Linda Harvey, Bill Fehr*

Usher: *Rosalind & Neil Schramm*

Musician: *Cheryl Satre*

Presiding: *Pastor Terry Richardson*

*Readings for Sunday, October 27 — Reformation Sunday*  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8: 31-36*