

Hope United Church of Christ
June 1, 2025- Worship Order
Holy Communion

Prelude: Amazing Grace - - - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Pastor Meg

Announcements

Offering and Offering Prayer

Opening Song: No 73. Enter Rejoice and Come In

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We are thankful for all the gifts God gives us.

All: We rejoice O Lord that your touch is found in all of creation and throughout our lives.

One: Our hearts are full of love.

All: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

One: God is good; Praise be to God!

All: The love and mercy of God never fails. AMEN.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let Us Pray:

All: Loving God, we often fail to trust that you are the source of our hope and our strength. Forgive us for our self-centered ways and place us back to your path so that we might live in right relationship with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Special Music: The Compassion Hymn *Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend*

Children's Message: Team Work

THE ALLELUIA

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer before Scripture

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-26 (Message)

Sermon: Is Unity Possible? Rev. Meg Wilson

Song of Response: "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. x2

Prayers of the People: *God of All ... Hear Our Prayer*

Lord's Prayer

APOSTLE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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.**

Song of Preparation: No. 330 Let Us Break Bread Together verse 1

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcomed to share in this meal.

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

All: And also, with you!

Pastor: Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

All: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God, time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so, we raise our voices in praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High.

Pastor: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation:

All: To gather together, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.

Pastor: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also, he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

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

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us ones who heal and share your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

All: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

All: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Song: No. 347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Benediction:

Blessing: "Go in Peace"

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude: Bourree in F - - - Georg Philipp-Telemann