LARGE PRINT BULLETIN ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hope

Scripture Sentence

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

(Jeremiah 29: 11)

OPENING RESPONSE

(Psalm 33: 18, 20-22)

Leader: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

People: On those who hope in his steadfast love.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

People: May our hearts be lifted, as we open them to the God of hope.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:22-28

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

SILENCE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We will partake of the Sacrament by intinction; you are invited to take bread from the bowl, dip it in the chalice and partake of the elements.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer

HYMN #342 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor



PRAYER FOR THE DAY (unison) (Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder)

O God, give us hope and remind us of Your steady power and gracious purposes that we may live fully. Renew our faith that the earth is not destined for dust and darkness, but for frolicking life and deep joy that, being set free from our anxiety for the future, we may take the risks of love today. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.