

**\*Sermon Hymn:** “Oh How He Loves You and Me” (Sing the Faith #2108/Screen)

**Litany of Gratitude and Celebration**

One: For the gifts of women throughout the ages,

**All: we give thanks.**

One: For the ways that they have shown up for all people

**All: we celebrate you.**

One: For their courage and strength, resistance and rest, wisdom and subversiveness,

**All: we celebrate you.**

One: We recognize your groundbreaking advocacy,

**All: we give thanks for you.**

One: For those who led with brave faith,

**All: we honor you.**

One: For all the women who have been reduced to less than their whole selves,

**All: we give thanks and honor, for you are so much more.**

One: For the countless unnamed women of the sacred texts,

**All: we learn from you and celebrate you.**

One: For mothers, aunts, wives, daughters, sisters; for all the women—in every walk of life, throughout all space and time,

**All: we give thanks. We celebrate you. We honor you. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed**

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering/HPW Birthday Offering/Offertory:** “And All the People Said Amen”

Nancy & Larry

**\*Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

(Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction:** “Aaron’s Blessing”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo

**Postlude**

Maggie Harp

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**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship – **Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday**

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



They Stood (Daughters of Zelophehad), Lauren Wright Pittman

**As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God’s love, grace and hope.**

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

*God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ and we invite you to join us.*

*Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).*

*ATTENDANCE FOLDERS: Please fill out the attendance pad located at the inside end of your pew and pass it down your row. If you are visiting, please mark the visitor column and include your mailing address. Thank You!*

**\*(Please stand as you are able)**

**Prelude**

**Maggie Harp**

**Introit: "He Is Good"**

**Nancy Birkeland & Larry Bratsch**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him so that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: "God is Here!"**

(Blue #461/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways, so that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria**

(Insert/Screen)

Glory be-to the Father, Glory be-to the Son, Glo...ry be-to the Holy Ghost. (Repeat)  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, World without end, World without end. A...men. A...men.

**\*Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

**Announcements**

**Special Music: "Mighty to Save"**

Nancy & Larry

**Prayer for Illumination**

One: Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, so that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup> **Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

<sup>18</sup> they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;**

<sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

<sup>21</sup> **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

<sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

**Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Sermon: "Good News: It's Not Up To Us!"**

**Dr. Rev. Brian Jones**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**March 10: Jonelle & Harold Foreman**

**March 17: Jonelle & Harold Foreman**

### **Ushers**

**March 10: Sue Block, Gwen Anfinson, Lisa Thorson & Wendy Barr**

**March 17: Open**

**\*\*\*Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**March 10: Jonelle Foreman**

**March 17: Jeff Wersal**

**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

**Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,  
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

**Screen Operators:** Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

### **CARE Pantry Challenge:**

**March is....Donations for the Food Pantry at The Link**

Please leave your unexpired box or canned food donations on the table by the church mailboxes. There are also envelopes on the table for making cash donations.

Thank You!

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **Soup & Bread Suppers**

Our Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers are on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m., with a Lenten Service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The youth and families will oversee the kitchen duties this Wednesday and Group 4 on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheets for bringing soup and milk.

### **Accepting Monetary Donations**

The Christian Education & Families Committee will be assembling women's hygiene/personal care packages for the Terebinth Refuge, a Christ centered shelter and safe home in St. Cloud for sexually exploited and trafficked women. Any monetary donations are being accepted for this mission project. Please place your donations in the basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

### **“Celebrate the Gifts of Women” - Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - HPW Birthday Offering**

Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence or women's concerns. Your gift to the Birthday Offering helps fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. Special offering envelopes are in the pews.

Today we celebrate the very real individual women among us who together embody the same priorities as the “Women Of Noble Character” set out in Proverbs 31. This Woman is attentive to and cares for those in need. This woman is celebrated because she is not slothful or idle, but diligent and caring. She uses her authority to benefit the voiceless within her realm. Finally, this woman is the embodiment of the Wisdom Woman described in Proverbs, who instructs others in the ways to live, and advocates for the oppressed. We revere this woman because she embodies the divine feminine, Wisdom. We celebrate the individuals, the missions, the moments of wisdom that allow us to support one another.

Our Litany of Gratitude and Celebration comes from the Horizons Magazine Service for the Gifts of Women Sunday as written by The Rev. Dr. Anita Wright. Wright believes that when we center on women and their gifts, we recognize that women have always been present in religious life and in the life of the church. For millennia, women have been unnamed and marginalized, often set to the side. In this honoring of the contributions of women, everyone wins, and God gets the glory.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10 (Sunday)	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – “Celebrate the Gifts of Women”</b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 2:00 p.m. ROHYC reserved
March 11 (Monday)	5:15 p.m. Mission Committee meeting
March 12 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday’s Table at Evangelical Covenant, NL
March 13 (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Confirmation 5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper 6:15 p.m. Lenten Service 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG <u>7:00</u> p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Men’s Ensemble Practice
March 14 (Thursday)	
March 15 (Friday)	Office Closed
March 16 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
March 17 (Sunday)	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

**March Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Greg Swenson**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Members with Health Concerns:**

Karen Hagemeyer, Darrell Smith, Darlene Bratberg, Sandy Ardoff, Jo Holm, Sharon Jones, Darlene Thompson, Dick Lindahl, John Williamson, Conny Williamson, Bob Hinderks

### **Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Mike Nielsen	Aaron Cameron (Schurman’s brother-in-law)
Mike (Friend of Wade Swenson)	Chris (Doreen Mitchell’s son-in-law)
Dorothy (Eldy William’s sister)	Harlan Brace
Duane (Friend of Joni Lamphere)	Barb Knittel (Tyann’s friend’s Mom)
Lennon Ludewig	Kevin Taatjes
Ruth (Friend of Carol Sampson)	David (Karen Hagemeyer’s nephew)
Vicky Mattson (Friend of Sharon Jones)	

### **Grieving:**

Family of Steven Chapin (Karen Hagemeyer’s brother)

### **Care Facilities:**

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Grand, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Room 103), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU’s at GlenOaks)

### **Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction  
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For the unrest in Israel and Gaza  
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19

**Please Note\*\*** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.