

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46**

**Sermon: “That Is How We Are Sometimes”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn: “When We Are Living”**

(Blue #400/Screen)

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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

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

**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.**

**Offering/Offertory: “Love Grows Here”**

Adult Choir

**\*Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation”**

(Blue #442/Screen)

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

**Postlude**

Maggie Harp

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## **Sunday, October 8, 2023**

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



**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**

**Welcome**

**Lay Reader: Kathy Taatjes**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

**ALL: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.**

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,

**ALL: And yet their voice goes out through all the earth. Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we too radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (Blue #142/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: : Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with**

**ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery so that we might enjoy your presence, your creation, and your community. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri**

(Blue #577/Screen)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace** (Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another)

**Announcements**

**Special Music:** "Canticle of the Sun"

Adult Choir

**Children's Sermon "Noah"**

**Response:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (Repeat)

**Prayer for Illumination**

One: God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word so that our eyes may be opened, and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup> **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;**

<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup> **Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup> **Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

<sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

**October 8: Sherry & Larry Bratsch**

**October 15: Jody & Jerry Leason**

**Ushers**

**October 8: The Titus Family**

**October 15: Karen Hagemeyer, Sandy Meyer, Deb Steele**

**Acolytes**

**October 15: Evelyn & Madelyn Titus**

**October 22: \*\*Open\*\***

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Readers**

**October 8: Kathy Taatjes**

**October 15: Sue Block**

**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

**Contact Information for Rev. Dr. Brian Jones:** For any pastoral emergencies in the evenings or weekends when the office is not open, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone (605-204-0625) or email him at [brianwjones1980@hotmail.com](mailto:brianwjones1980@hotmail.com)

**\*\* "These Days" Devotional booklets for October-November-December are available on the table in the Narthex or in the office. October Hope Scope is in your mailboxes.**

**HOPE HAPPENINGS!**

**CARE Pantry Challenge**

We will be collecting bathroom, toilet, glass, and general cleaners for the CARE Pantry in the month of October. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

**Produce Distribution Event**

Youth and parents are encouraged to help at the Produce Distribution Event at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, scheduled from 4-6 pm, but please arrive at 3:30 pm. This is a free drive-thru event for the public. Help is needed to place boxes of produce in trunks of cars as they drive thru. Please contact Tyann if your child needs a ride from school to the Fairgrounds. This is a Mission outreach for the youth.

**Fall Harvest Festival – next Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars to attend or work at our Fall Harvest Festival. We will be having Morning coffee & rolls, Noon lunch of soup, BBQ's, pie or bars, a Bake Sale, Garden & Produce area, Accessory Sisters (jewelry), Holiday Décor, Books, Puzzles, Games and CD's, and Crafts. Please donate items for any area or sign up on the sheet in the library to bring bars or pie for lunch and also to work. The church will be open Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am -5:00 pm and also on Friday 9:00-6:00 pm so you can bring your donated items. You may also bring them on Wednesday evening.

**Country Gospel Concert with Tommy Griffith**

Tommy Griffith has been performing at many of the most prestigious venues in the Eastern United States opening for some of Nashville's best Country Performers. His love for God and call to do His work has lead Tommy back to his roots in Gospel Music. Please plan to attend his concert here at Hope next Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Coffee and cookies will be served after the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fall Clean-Up Day**

Please mark on your calendars our church's Fall Clean-Up Day, which will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 am-noon.

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**United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar**

Come and enjoy your traditional favorites of handmade gifts, homemade food specialties and morning coffee and rolls at the United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar next Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-12:00 pm. (The church is on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Willmar, across from Casey's.)

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8 (Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

October 9 (Monday)

October 10 (Tuesday) 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Produce Distribution Event at the  
Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds-(Please arrive at 3:30 pm)  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church, NL

October 11 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
6:15 p.m. WOW (Grades Pre-6<sup>th</sup>)  
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TAG (Grades 9-12) River of Hope Youth Center  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

October 12 (Thursday)

October 13 (Friday) Office Closed  
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Church open to bring items for Fall Festival

October 14 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fall Harvest Festival  
7:00 p.m. AA

October 15 (Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)  
Baptism for Harrison Wade Swenson  
7:00 p.m. Country Gospel Concert by Tommy Griffith  
followed by coffee & cookies in Fellowship Hall

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Dick Lindahl, Kathy Jansen, Joni Lamphere, Sharon Jones, Barb Morris, John Williamson, Bob Hinderks

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

Bobby (Joni Lamphere's aunt)	Kevin Taatjes
Sheila Kelly (Jody Leason's cousin)	Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)
Vicky Mattson (Friend of Sharon Jones)	Connie Benson (Helmstetter's friend)
Dale (Friend of the Hagemeyers)	Greg Skinner (Virginia McKean's son-in-law)
Jordan Bast	Shelly Erickson
Holly (Dee Schurman's sister)	Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother)
Pastor Jeff DeYoe	Johnny Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson)

### **Grieving:**

Family of Denise Gjerde, Family of Sam & Louise Miller (Nancy Miller's parents), Family of Mike (Friend of the Hagemeyers)

### **Care Facilities:**

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Therapy Suites #514-Willmar), 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, mass shootings  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic  
For those serving in the military

### **October Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Celia Evenson**

**\*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.  
Thank You!