

mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 Peter 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

Message: Living Hope Pastor Mark Gregory

Preparing for a Week of Serving

*The Closing Hymn: Open the Eyes of My Heart
Supplemental Hymnal #12

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

*The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:
Postlude: Tina Andersen

Offerings for November 19, 2017		Worship Assistants for November	
Operating	\$7,131.25	Church Guardians	Greeters:
Designated	\$345.00	Andy Hamblin (11/5)	11/5 - Gere Ryerson & Ann
Attendance	154	Becky Jerabek (11/12)	Seagrave w/Chanel
		Jeff Kline (11/19)	Bravo & Cayla Pottinger
		Ben Moe (11/26)	Acolyte: Jenna Anderson
			11/12 - Keith & Terri Frisk w/ Luke DeFuss & Owen Shatters
			Acolyte: Chris Andrus
			11/19 - Christine & Terry Keith w/Makayla Duran & Olive Fahey
			Acolyte: Maddy Gawne
			11/26 - Tony & Laurie Houle w/ Ashlynn McLeod
			Acolyte: Alexia Prochaska



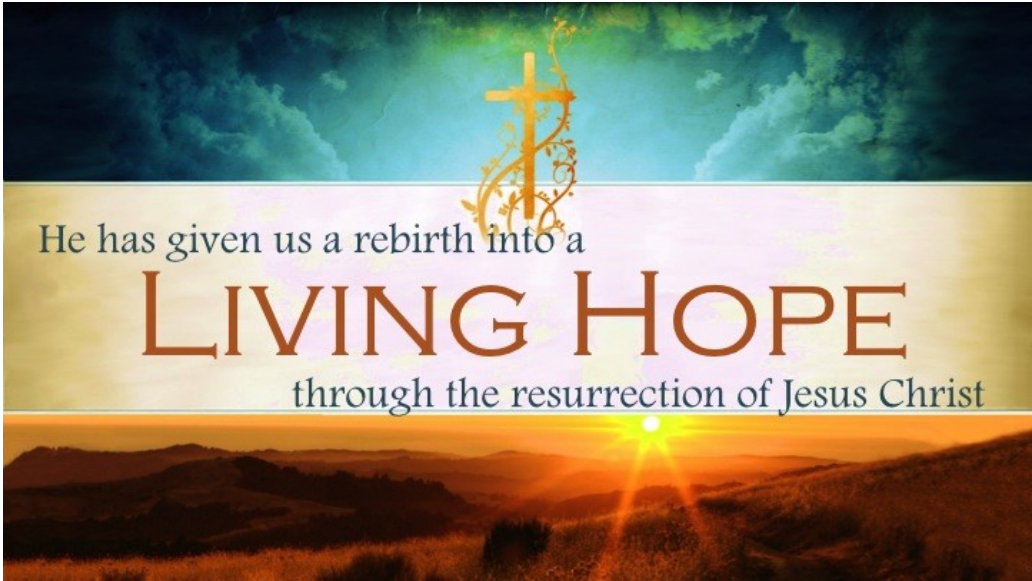
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November 26, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all.”
~**Emily Dickinson**

“The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.”
~**Barbara Kingsolver**

“There is a saying in Tibetan, 'Tragedy should be utilized as a source of strength.' No matter what sort of difficulties, how painful experience is, if we lose our hope, that's our real disaster.”
~**Dalai Lama XIV**

We Gather Together

Prelude: Tina Andersen
Lighting the Path
Ringling of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Introit: We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations (Nichol)
Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, people of God. Behold the King of glory.
People: **Who is the King of glory?**
Leader: The Lord of hosts, the eternal God, is the King of glory.
ALL: **We lift our heads, we bow our knees and we open our hearts to worship the King of glory, our God, graceful and mighty.**

Opening Hymn: We Gather Together Chalice Hymnal #276

Children’s Moment

Unison Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God, I praise and adore you. In Jesus, you came into the world as a baby, and you gave the world a new understanding of power. I know now that power is not to be used to dominate, but to serve others as Christ did. He transformed the love of power by the power of love. I am here today to celebrate your rule of love in the hearts of all people, as I have experienced it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit. I offer this prayer of gratitude for these blessings in the name of Jesus, the Servant King. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri:**
Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace:**
With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

***Please pray for members of our congregation, their friends and families.

Bill Andersen	Sue Frahm	Sandy Lindblom
Brad Andrus	Bob Freeman	Mazie Marshall
Michelle Atwood	Mary Freeman	Ed Niesen
Lynn Belcher	Michael Heinrich	Joanne O’Brien
Mary Cass	Hornbuckle Family	Ethel Perkins
Doc Coleman	Joe Hudgins	Sandy Veselka
Dee Cruise	Norm Kuhman	Marie Wayne

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response: Abide with Me (Monk)

Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering
Offertory Hymn: His Eye Is on the Sparrow Chalice Hymnal #82

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**
Divine Giver of all that is good, I seek freedom from the cultural philosophy of possessions as power and money as a means of control. That is why I dedicate to you not only who I am but what I have, praying that you will use what I bring to offer compassion and service for the betterment of others and for your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Anthem: Home to Gloryland (Drennan)

Scripture Background
Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall