

Order of Worship – July 24, 2022

Guest Minister: Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Welcome

Deacon

Scriptural Affirmation

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

For God alone, our souls wait. Our hope is from God.

Please repeat each word and phrase as directed by the minister.

Prelude

Laura Murach

Call to Worship

Deacon

Leader: We know that God is always with us,

People: so we gather to remind ourselves that we are with God.

Leader: In this time of worship,

People: may our hearts be glad;

Leader: may our souls rejoice;

People: may our bodies rest secure.

Leader: God shows us the path of life

People: And in God's presence there is fullness of joy and hope!

***Gathering Hymn**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

NCH 25

Deacons will Collect Joy and Concern Cards at this time.

Commissioning of Designated Minister Search Committee

Insert

Scripture

Introduction

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As we hear the words of scripture,

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Romans 8:18-25, The Voice Translation

Deacon

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Message

“A Living Hope”

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***Hymn**

I Would Be True

NCH 492

Because the church is a community of faith, please change the word "I" to "We" when singing this hymn.

Prayers of the People for the World

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Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord's Prayer

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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, now and forever. Amen.

***Litany of Hope**

adapted from Jan Richardson on The Painted Prayerbook

Refrain: With this kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!

(2 Corinthians 3:12)

Hope nonetheless.

Hope despite.

Hope regardless.

Hope still.

With this kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!

Hope where we had ceased to hope.

Hope amid what threatens hope.

Hope with those who feed our hope.

Hope beyond what we had hoped.

With this kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!

Hope that draws us past our limits.

Hope that defies expectations.

Hope that questions what we have known.

Hope that makes a way where there is none.

With this kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!

Hope that takes us past our fear.

Hope that calls us into life.

Hope that holds us beyond death.

Hope that blesses those to come.

With this kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!

***Closing Hymn**

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

NCH 495, vss 1, 3 & 4

***Benediction**

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- 5. To maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say and hear – protecting both the privacy of each other and potential candidates;**
- 6. To review all profiles with open minds and hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly;**
- 7. To see decisions not made by majority rule, but by the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a consensus that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.**

Congregation's Covenant

Recognizing that the work of our search committee can be challenging and requires much effort, we now pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to pray for you and your ministry. We promise to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. And we pledge to offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time.

Closing Prayer

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Final Word

Congregations and Members

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:18-25, The Voice Translation

Now I am sure of this:
the sufferings we endure now are not even worth comparing
to the glory that is coming and will be revealed in us.
For all of creation is waiting,
yearning for the time when the children of God will be revealed.
You see, all of creation has collapsed into emptiness,
not by its own choosing, but by God's.
Still God placed within it a deep and abiding hope
that creation would one day be liberated from its slavery to
corruption and experience the glorious freedom of the children of God.
For we know that all creation groans in unison with birthing pains up until now.
And there is more; it's not just creation— all of us are groaning together too.
Though we have already tasted the first fruits of the Spirit,
we are longing for the total redemption of our bodies that comes
when our adoption as children of God is complete—
for we have been saved in this hope and for this future.
But hope does not involve what we already have or see.
For who goes around hoping for what they already have?
But if we wait expectantly for things we have never seen,
then we hope with true perseverance and eager anticipation.