



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Hopewell UMC has a vision to be a community of hope for a hurting world.*

***Mission Statement:*** *We are a home for ALL people to be transformed by the love of God and grow in mind, body, and spirit.*

***Our Core Values:*** *Worship. Learn. Serve. Love.*

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** Revelation Song, by Jennie Lee Riddle

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

**People: We will hold nothing back from our God.**

Leader: Sing praises to our God.

**People: We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.**

Leader: Glorify God and the Word we know as Jesus Christ.

**People: We will worship our God with wonder and joy. Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER:

**God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind,  
in blazing fire,  
in the face of the good,  
in the deep of the unknown.**

**We meet you here. We accept your calling. We welcome your inspiration.**

**We await the change you have in store for us.**

**Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.**

**Bring us to you – you who are already with us.**

**Gather us in.**

**Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Everywhere and for eternity. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*Awesome God*

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT  
JOYS & CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
LORD'S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

15 O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,  
says the Lord.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### **New Testament: Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)**

Marks of the True Christian

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:**      *Come and Find the Quiet Center*      TFWS #2128

**SERMON:** **Hate What is Evil, Cling to What is Good**, by HUMC Certified Lay Servant  
Lorraine Donahue

**OFFERING**

**CLOSING HYMN:**      *Precious Lord Take My Hand*      UMH #474

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**