



***Extending the grace of Jesus Christ  
through community and connection***

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## Order of Worship

Worship Music- commentary below song list

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*“... behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. . . . From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder . . . ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’ . . . Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’”—from Revelation 4-5 ([read the full passage](#))*

*Revelation Song: On this Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the outpouring of God’s Spirit, we join with believers of various tongues on earth and in heaven, praising the Lamb who was slain, whose blood has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This video shows just some of the gloriously rich diversity of Christ’s body—redemption spread far and wide. English subtitles are provided throughout for you to sing along with.*

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Let’s continue to ascribe to God the glory due his name, hailing him the highest; the Crucified One; prophet, priest, and king.*

*(For listening) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me: Last week we sang “Heal us, Emmanuel,” and this week*

*we continue to cry out for healing and for God’s presence with us as we process our grief and other feelings after the killing of George Floyd and as we move forward in justice work. [This spiritual is an expression of deep sorrow](#)—“When my strength is failing,” “When my heart is aching”—but also an expression of trust in the companionship of Christ, our fellow pilgrim and co-sufferer: “In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me.” It’s sung here by Sharon Irving, a worship leader from Chicago, in a more soloistic style, so while you’re welcome to join her in singing, perhaps you may find it more meaningful to just listen, to truly hear a sister’s lament, and to lift it up to God in your heart. You might even add or substitute in your own feelings: “In my rage,” “In my frustration,” “In my confusion,” or what have you. Sheet music and lyrics are both available in the attachments.*

*Psalm 126: This psalm is another community lament, sung in a season of tears, anticipating a crop of joy. The refrain (of the musical setting by Bifrost Arts) begins, “Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing the seeds of your kingdom.” May we continue to sow love, truth, justice, and hope in this world, knowing that God will one day bring these to fruition.*

### *Doxology*

*Revelation 7:9-17: “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation*

*belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’*

*“Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”*

*O for a Thousand: After a period of intense doubt, Charles Wesley reaffirmed his faith one Pentecost Sunday and wrote this hymn for the first anniversary: May 21, 1739. When the Spirit comes, “new life the dead receive”! The Spirit regenerates, here and now, making us new creations who live unto our Maker and who are on mission. Still, I look forward to the day when heaven and earth itself will be regenerated, when wrongs will be righted and sorrow undone and we’ll be brought out of exile, so to speak, and thousands upon thousands will gather round God’s throne of grace to praise him, praise him, forever in joyful song. I couldn’t find a congregational version of*

*this James Ward tune we use, and he’s a little hard to sing with toward the end, so feel free to go a cappella on this one if you want, with the attached lyrics. :-)*

*Amen*

Sermon: [“Joyfully Endure Hardship - Part 2”](#)

Sunday School discussion following sermon

[Join Zoom Meeting at 11am](#)

Password: 12345

## Welcome to worship at City of Hope Presbyterian

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### Weekly Activities

SUNDAY	10:00am	Sermon: "Joyfully Endure Hardship- Part 2"
	11:00am	<u>Sunday School Live discussion (Zoom)</u>
THURSDAY	8:00pm	<u><a href="#">Virtual Prayer Gathering</a></u>

There are resources for Children's Sunday School with fun activities and a lesson plan to do with your children at home. You can find them all linked on our website.

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### Small Groups

During this time of "social distancing," we encourage you to stay connected via our small groups. Though not meeting in-person, all small groups are meeting virtually in the upcoming weeks. Even if you have not attended one regularly, we hope you will get plugged in during this time of isolation. Please contact the small group leaders directly for details.

Monday (1st and 3rd) - (Ronny) [ronnyw@gmail.com](mailto:ronnyw@gmail.com)  
Tuesday (2nd and 4th) - (Mike) [ooaero007@yahoo.com](mailto:ooaero007@yahoo.com)  
Wednesday - (Pastor Brian) [jcimras@gmail.com](mailto:jcimras@gmail.com)  
Friday, April 3 - (Ben) [bdbaughner@gmail.com](mailto:bdbaughner@gmail.com)

## Announcements and Service Opportunities

All in-person ministries are canceled until further notice. We encourage you to find ways to love your neighbors and your community in safe and intentional ways.

*If you have a need or concern and would like to talk or pray with someone, please approach our elders or deacons. You can send an e-mail to [CityOfHopePCA@gmail.com](mailto:CityOfHopePCA@gmail.com)*

### Church Leadership

Tom Miller, Ruling Elder	Matt Aldrich, Deacon
Ronny Wahba, Ruling Elder	Eric Jones, Deacon
Brian Wood, Teaching Elder	James Rankin, Deacon

### Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Christian Jail Ministry; Laurel Pregnancy Center; Helping Up Mission, Baltimore; Greater Baltimore Church Planting; Wy Plummer, African American Ministries Coordinator for the PCA (via Mission to North America); Matt and Caroline Edelen, Papua, Indonesia (via Wycliffe); Virgil and Toni Jones, Quebec (via Crossworld); Congo Restoration Network (via New City Fellowship, St. Louis); Jacob Jasin, RUF International at Johns Hopkins