



Hope Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Pastor Beth Schultz Byrnes

Music provided by Pat Tatzel and Voices of Hope

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn *"All Are Welcome"*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Voices of Hope “*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*”

Sharing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Jesus

Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Sunday School Dismissal

Hymn of the Day “*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*” [red 512]

Reading Psalm 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place,

 O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

 my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

 at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,

 ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca

they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Gospel ReadingMatthew 13:24-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they

will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon

Blessing

Announcements

Sending Hymn“*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*” [red 543]

Dismissal

Postlude