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March 28, 2021

WORSHIP SONGS

Blessed Be Your Name
God Is Able
Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
I Will Follow
O Church Arise (Arise Shine)
Praise To The Lord, the Almighty

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

MESSAGE

"Following Christ"
Pastor Jon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Coffee & Cookies
11:00 am - People of The Book (Bible Study)
5:30 pm - Middle School youth group
6:00 pm - R-GEN youth group



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here!

SAVE THE DATE! The Alaska Mission Trip Auction will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Burgers and brats will be provided; the silent auction will begin at 5:30 PM and live auction at 6:30 PM. We would love to have more donations! Looking for some new items, gift cards, or a variety of themed gift baskets like a movie night, spa day, etc. If you wish to drop off donations to church during the week, please call first. Office hours are generally 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

ALASKA MISSION TRIP: Some of our senior high youth, our leaders and parents will be on their way to Alaska at the end of June. For those who would like to help them raise the needed funds, we have enabled online giving through **Tithe.ly**. You may go directly to our church's account with Tithe.ly: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1306522 or download the **Tithe.ly App** to your mobile device. Select "Alaska Mission Trip" from the drop-down menu where it shows what fund to contribute to. Questions? See Robin, Cindy, or Kathy in the office.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Our next **blood drive** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021. We are in need of some volunteers for these events and you can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaaf2fa6fdc43-blood2>

The Hopkins **community clean-up** will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. We would love for you to be a part of this and sign ups can be done here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaaf2fa6fdc43-hopkins1>

As always, if you run into any difficulties with signing up, please call the office. We'll be happy to give you some assistance with that.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Our Scripture passage today follows Jesus' transfiguration, a pivotal moment in His ministry. From this point on, Jesus is laser focused on His trajectory toward Jerusalem, knowing all that awaited Him there. From the beginning of His ministry to the end, Jesus is constantly and consistently calling people to "follow me". In each of these circumstances, this call is an invitation to leave their former life and commit to a new path. His call is not for the fickle though, as we see today.

Following Jesus is not a one-time decision that is carried out when it suits us. In many cases, we seek to get a person to "pray the prayer" but seldom do anything to follow that up. Declaring Jesus to be Lord of our lives is not simply a decision made once; it is a day-by-day, moment-by-moment commitment. And we must count the cost, for following Jesus means going with Him to Jerusalem and everything that lies there for Him and for us.

Questions to take home:

1. Read John 4:1-42. What do you make of the Samaritans' rejection of Jesus here in Luke 9? What is it that drives their rejection? Are there things in your life that prompt us toward similar rejection of Jesus' teachings and commands (or parts of them)?
2. Read Matthew 19:16-26. Consider the "rich man" and the three men in our Luke 9 passage today. Jesus' responses are specific to each of them, challenging them to choose between Him and what was ruling their lives. What would Jesus say to you? What is coming between you and following Him?
3. Read Luke 14:25-35. How does this passage emphasize what we have already read? Contrast the different reactions of the disciples on Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28-44) and Maundy Thursday (Matthew 26:47-56). How do the difference reactions speak into this teaching on following Jesus?

PRAYER

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- **Louise Allen** (Carol Boverhof's sister) received results of her PET scan and it shows the cancer is spreading. She has several small spots on her back and they will biopsy some lymph nodes, and she will likely face more chemo. She is feeling good right now and appreciates all your prayers!
- **Brian Ballard's mother, Phyllis**, is under Hospice care and has taken a turn for the worse. Please be with Brian and his family as they cope with this. We pray for comfort and peace for Phyllis and the entire family.
- **Susan Lokers** (Eric Lokers' mother) has been fighting metastatic breast cancer and is now dealing with liver failure and losing her eyesight. Hospice has met with the family and Eric's father, Larry, has been caring for her. Please keep Susan and Larry, Eric and his family and those that will care for Susan in your prayers during this difficult time.
- **Sandy Morris** was diagnosed with retinal vein occlusion in her left eye. Treatment will be a series of shots in her eye to dissolve the blockage. Pray that the shots will work in order to restore vision to her eye.
- **Mike Stearns'** eye report was good at U of M this past week. There is some fluid but doctors will wait to remove the silicone bubble for another couple months. Continued prayer for patience and full healing.
- **Rachel VanderKlipp** (daughter-in-law to Dave and Cindy Kukor) has multiple autoimmune conditions and recently began passing out randomly. She has an upcoming appointment with a specialist as they have not determined the cause.

FOR CONTINUED PRAYER:

- **Ed Baron** (Cindy Hoffmaster's brother)
- **Allie Blaukamp** (friend of Mike and Kathy Athearn) who has ALS.
- **Al Kornoelje** (brother-in-law to Scobey's)
- **Steve and Kim Marvin & Family** (as they grieve the loss of Steve's father, Paul Marvin this past week)
- **Mitch Punches** in his ongoing recovery and physical therapy.
- **Dale Talsma** (grandfather of Allison Halsted) has bladder cancer and dementia.
- **Ginger Talsma** (aunt of Allison Halsted) has Addison's disease.
- **Amanda Weber's uncle, John** as he undergoes radiation treatment.
- **Lauren Wolffis** as she begins her second round of chemo on March 30.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

MARCH & APRIL 2021

FRONT DOOR GREETERS

MARCH 28: Bob and Pam Hennip

APRIL 4: Kyle and Stephanie Hoffmaster

APRIL 11: Jim and Sarah Poll

COFFEE & COOKIES

MARCH 28: Ed and Deanna Wamhoff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM	Easter Breakfast following the service
11:00 AM	People of The Book (Bible Study)
5:30 PM	Middle School youth group meeting
6:00 PM	R-GEN youth group meeting

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
5:30 PM	HPS School Board Retreat (MP Room/Kitchen)

WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM	GEMS (7th & 8th Grade)
6:00 PM	Cadets (meeting in the MP Room for the auction)

THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Praise Team practice
7:00 PM	Expectancy (Bible Study)

SATURDAY

10:30 AM	Easter Drama (MS and HS students)
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Church Center Mobile App

A new digital tool to make connecting life at HCC even easier:



Download the free Church Center app to your device.

1. Download the **Church Center app** from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Find **Hopkins Community Church** within the app (if you have a profile with us it should auto-populate. If not, you can search for our church by location)

Here's a few things you can do using the Church Center app:

- **Simplified Giving** - Give instantly using your debit or credit card, via ACH bank transfer, or Apple Pay. Even easier than our Tithe.ly app!
- **Personal Profile Management** - Keep your profile up-to-date. Make changes and manage contact information yourself. You can see all your existing profile information including event registrations, giving history, group membership, and contact information.
- **Online Directory** - Easily look up people and families within our church community. Manage what information you prefer to share about yourself or your family. Information is secure and visible only to church members.
- **Easy Event Sign-ups**
- **Connect with Connection Groups and more!**

Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Questions? See Kathy or Pastor Jon!