

Texts: Isaiah 40:27-31; 2 Cor 4:16 – 5:7  
Theme: Hope

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship From Psalm 147

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
**People: Make melody to God with our lives.**  
Leader: But God's delight is not in the strength of horses  
**People: Nor in the might of our voices.**  
Leader: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who love him,  
**People: In those who hope in God's steadfast love.**

Hymn (see below for options)

Call to Confession

Our God is patient and kind, but God also seeks us to confess our sins. As God's children, let us together seek God's mercy by confessing where we fall short:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we bow before you in penitence and hope. Forgive us when you have called us to witness to your love and we have failed to follow. We admit where we have fallen short and we turn our lives over to you in the sure confidence and hope that you will forgive us in your mercy. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is truly a God of mercy. As we bow before God, know that God forgives. Friends, you are forgiven, go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31; 2 Cor 4:16 – 5:7 – Video Recording

Sermon – Video Recording

Hymn (see below for options)

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

God of mercy and peace, hear us as we lift our prayers to you. Hear us as we call out for your mercy as your children. Fill us with hope we cry out for your peace to be delivered to this world. Give comfort to those who mourn. Give hope to those who see no way forward. Give mercy to us all. Walk with us and guide us to your work, to your life, to your will.

Hear us today as we pray for your people... (sharing concerns and joys from the congregation or allowing them time to share them either spoken aloud or silently to God)

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of dedication

Loving God, take these offerings and make them your own. Receive them and use them to further your kingdom. And take us and use us as well in your kingdom of mercy and grace. Let us, in all things, reflect your love. Amen.

Hymn (see below for options)

Challenge and Benediction – Video Recording

### **Hymn Options**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)