

Hopewell UMC
June 6, 2021
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Instrumental Music

Welcome

Pastor Wendy

***Choral Call to Worship**

Ten Thousand Reasons Chorus

Matt Redman

***Call to Worship**

Nancy C. Townley <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2845/worship-connection-june-6-2021>

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day of new beginnings!

This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Opening Prayer

Kathleen M. Stone, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/10783/june-6-2021>

God of love, teach us how to rely on you. As we continue to strategize in our lives to get ahead, to provide for our own security, to make sure it all goes well for us and our families, help us just to stop, breathe, and remember the holy story of your death and resurrection. Help us to remember that you come not as we expect but in the craziest ways. Help us to remember that we need only to focus on loving you, ourselves, and others. Give us grace when we fail and help us to know that it is only in you that we really find the abundance we seek. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Music

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Moment

Pastor Wendy

Prayer Hymn

The Family of God

PRAISE 138

Pastoral Prayer

***Gospel Lesson Mark 3:20-35 (The Message)**

20-21 Jesus came home and, as usual, a crowd gathered—so many making demands on him that there wasn't even time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was believing his own press [meaning "he has gone out of his mind"].

22-27 The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumors that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story: "Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a

devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan, there soon wouldn't be any Satan left. Do you think it's possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man, and walk off with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out. ²⁸⁻³⁰ "Listen to this carefully. I'm warning you. There's nothing done or said that can't be forgiven. But if you persist in your slanders against God's Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives." He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil.

³¹⁻³² Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, "Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside looking for you."

³³⁻³⁵ Jesus responded, "Who do you think are my mother and brothers?" Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, "Right here, right in front of you —my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the word of God for all God's people. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Hymn** **Create In Me A Clean Heart** **PRAISE 402**

Sermon ***Living as Spirit-filled People of God... Being Renewed*** **Pastor Wendy**

***Hymn** **Where the Spirit of the Lord Is** **PRAISE 98**

Invitation to Holy Communion **Pastor Wendy**

Confession & Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration & Lord's Prayer

...With joyful hearts, we join together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

