

Hadwen Park Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

6 Clover Street, Worcester MA 01603

www.hadwenparkchurch.org

August 2, 2020
Communion Sunday



*"Experiencing terrible pain opens our hearts and minds to express compassion
for other people and communion with ourselves."*

— Kilroy J. Oldster, Dead Toad Scrolls

*Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.
Please gather your own representations of the bread and the cup
before the service begins and be ready to commune with us.*

Please feel free to contact any participants in this service whose email addresses are listed.

PRELUDE: "Be Now My Vision"

Brett Maguire, Minister of Music, brettwmaguire@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Sarah Sund-Lussier, Associate Pastor
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WELCOMING STATEMENT

Brett Maguire

OPENING HYMN: "Because He Lives"

Brett Maguire

***God sent the son, they called him Jesus. He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.***

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know, God holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives.

***How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy she gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives.***

Chorus

***And then one day, I'll cross the river; I'll fight my final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.***

Chorus

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Susan Weaver, jamsjw40@gmail.com

Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.

Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.

Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me,
you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed.

Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have
commanded.

My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled.

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
 Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you
 from their foes.
 As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your
 likeness.

ANTHEM: "Show Me the Way"

Billye and Roger Auclair, baucliar27@gmail.com

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Genesis 32:22-31

Maurice Newman, newmanmaurice62@gmail.com

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the
 ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.
 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail
 against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless
 me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer
 be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then
 Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he
 blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is
 preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SERMON: "Struggling with God"

Pastor Sarah

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD's PRAYER

The Rev. Paul Ricard, RevPauliCt@gmail.com

OFFERING

The Rev. Judy Hanlon, Senior Pastor, gracelift@aol.com

Date	Offering	Weekly Need	Offering vs. Weekly Need	YTD Offerings vs. YTD Need
6/28/20	\$320	\$3,996	(\$3,676)	\$2,117
7/5/20	\$17,555	\$3,996	\$13,559	\$15,676
7/12/20	\$2,280	\$3,996	(\$1,716)	\$13,960
7/19/20	\$2,745	\$3,996	(\$1,251)	\$12,709
7/26/20	\$2,295	\$3,996	(\$1,701)	\$11,008
Where we are vs. our 2020 Full-Year Pledge Commitment →				\$11,008

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OFFERTORY: "Blessings"

Pastor Sarah

ASCRPTION of PRAISE

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

COMMUNION SONG: "Here in this Place"

Randy Roy, roy2102@yahoo.com

COMMUNION

Pastor Sarah

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God, we thank you for inviting us to this table, where we gather together to experience the presence of Christ in the presence of one another. We thank you, God, for your faithfulness in the past and praise you for your continued faithfulness and unfailing love.

Help us to grow in our faith and to increase our love for one another, so that we may go out into our world full of your love and peace in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "God of the Ages"

Brett Maguire

***God of the ages, who with sure command
Brought forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor thru the skies,
Our grateful songs, before your throne arise.***

***Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide and stay -
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.***

***From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
With steadfast care to be ever our defense.
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
With bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.***

***Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
With truth and love guide us thru error's maze,
And we shall give you glory, laud and praise.***

CHORAL BENEDICTION

***One in love, one in friendship true, one in hope, one in spirit, too;
One in faith that God will care for you, 'til we meet together again.***

BLESSING

Pastor Judy

POSTLUDE: "This Little Light of Mine"

HPC church family

If you have photos of the Light shining at HPC over the years, please send them to Ed O'Donnell or Cindy Young.

(eodonnell@holycross.edu or cynwilyou@gmail.com)

Watch each week for images of faithfulness at the corner of Clover and Knox.

Please join our virtual coffee hour at 11 a.m.

We will be able to see each other's beautiful face! See instructions on original email or contact
pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com.



GALA 2020

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> > > > > > > > **LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE**

You are cordially invited to a virtual evening of celebration, dining and dancing.
Hear from asylum seekers, as they share their visions for the future!
Saturday, September 26, 2020

More information: www.lgbtasylum.org/gala

HPC Video Worship / Social Media Team:

The Rev. Judith Hanlon, The Rev. Sarah Sund-Lussier, Brett Maguire, Edward O'Donnell,
Alford Green, Cynthia Young

Music Licensing:

CCLI License #1596232

Schedule for the Week

(Schedule is subject to change; consult HPC website for updated activity list.)

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Send email to person in charge to learn how to access these virtual events.

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School, grades K thru 5	sfcrimer@gmail.com
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship on YouTube <i>Link available on website each Saturday evening.</i>	www.hadwenparkchurch.org
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School, ages 2,3,4	sfcrimer@gmail.com
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom	pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study Care Group on Zoom	gracelift@aol.com
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Zoom Gathering	brettwmaguire@gmail.com
Varies	Varies	Confirmation Class <i>Scheduled at convenience of class members.</i>	newmanmaurice62@gmail.com