



**Hope**  
Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, July 26, 2020

About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater.

(Acts 19:23-31)

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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## Welcome, Announcements and Introit

### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 52

Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

**You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

**The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

**I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*Scripture Reading: Acts 19:11–20

### \*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He shall come to judge both 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.

### Prayer of Confession of Sin

*(corporate prayer, followed by a time of quiet for individual confession of sin)*

Dear heavenly Father, we draw near to Your throne of grace today, in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask

**You, in His blessed name, to forgive us our many sins today, sins of our thinking, our speaking, our doing, and even our failing to do those things that we should have done, for Your glory and for the growth of Your kingdom. As You wash us whiter than snow, through the cleansing blood of Jesus, we ask that Your Holy Spirit renew in us a clean heart and a right spirit, and that He will continue to sanctify us as Your people, and to grow us in Your grace. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 51:1–12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### \*Doxology

### Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Anthem of Musical Worship

### Sermon: *When the Gospel Isn't Good for Business*

Acts 19:23–41

Rev. Martin Hawley

### Closing Prayer

### \*Benediction

### \*Gloria Patri