

Hope United Methodist Church

August 30, 2026

Serve Joyfully
Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 100 & 1 Peter 4:8-11

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Prayer Hymn: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (UMH 465)

Closing Hymn: The Summons (TFWS 2130)

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Betty, Andrea, Steve, Dana, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Katie, Linda, Richard, Julio, Jim, Jacob, Patrick, Kristen, Aiden

Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
Prelude
Centering Words
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
Prayer of Illumination
Psalm Reading
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Reception of New Member
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*
*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Serving Today

Greeters: Irma Mora
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Bellamy Avina
Children's Message: Carrie Ward
Liturgist: Pat Mosley
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: CLC

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Anna Frankland, Irma Mora
Ushers: Irma Mora & Fran Vukovich
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Pastor Jim
Liturgist: Nancy Craig
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Fran Vukovich

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 30

Safe Sanctuary Training, Children Sunday
School Room

Monday, August 31

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Tuesday, September 1

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, September 2

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Communications @ 4:30pm, Library
LWV of Calumet Area 5:30pm, Children
Sunday School Room
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,
Narthex/Library

Thursday, September 3

SPRC @ 5:00pm, Library

Sunday, September 6

Lay Servant Academy @ 2-5pm, Hebron
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Announcements and Community News

August Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Brianna's Hope. Brianna's Hope is a faith-based addiction support group that is centered on helping recovering addicts. Brianna's Hope meets on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 P.M. A meal is provided at 6:00 PM.

Safe Sanctuary Training - All church staff and volunteers who work with children and youth are required to participate annually in Safe Sanctuary Training. A training session will be offered **today August 30** after worship. The session will last approximately 30 minutes. If you cannot attend on this date, a virtual option will be available as well. Please see Niki Avina if you have questions.

Hope UMC Celebration – Come celebrate Hope UMC's One-Year Anniversary on **Sunday, September 13**, as we gather for a special time of worship, fellowship, and gratitude. Come and celebrate this special milestone with us. We look forward to sharing this joyful occasion with our church family and friends.

Northern Lakes Fall Lay Servant Academy – Join us for the **Lay Servant Ministries Academy** to begin or continue your lay servant training. **Classes meet Sundays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, & 27**, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. at Hebron UMC, 202 W. Church St., Hebron, IN. Attendance at all four sessions is required for credit. Cost: \$10. **Register by Sept. 6** at <https://inumc.swoogo.com/hebronfall2026>. For more information, contact Karen Williams at 219-869-2324 or mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Meal Ministry Volunteers Needed – Hope UMC is looking for ministry groups to provide a meal on an assigned **4th Sunday** at 527 State Street. Serve our neighbors in need through fellowship and caring. Contact Pam Longhi at (219) 644-6578 for more information.

The Next **Messy Church** event is on **Tuesday, September 22** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

The altar flowers in worship this morning are **in memory of Loved Ones**, given by Yvonne Jackson

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

What would it mean for our community if each of us used our gifts to serve others and to be aware of Christ presence as we serve?

Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn – I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy**

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)

Prayer Hymn – Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (UMH 465)

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

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4. Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign; be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Prayers of the People

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Prayer Response – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (TFWS 2193)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayer of Illumination

God of joy, we confess that we do not always serve others with joy. May the word we hear today invite us deeper into life with you, so that, Jesus, we can receive your Spirit of serving others and praise you with joy.

Open our hearts and minds and shape our wills to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously as we learn to walk more faithfully in your presence. Amen.

Psalm Reading - Psalm 100 (Responsive)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

People: We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

People: Give thanks and bless God's name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

Gloria Patri (UMH 70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon – “Serve Joyfully”

Reception of New Member

Presentation of the Candidates: Sandra Van Horn, Michelle Matokar

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith to the Congregation:

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

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Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

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On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

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Leader: Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn - The Summons (TFWS 2130)**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let me live and grow in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Breakthrough Prayer**

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

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Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude