

Hope United Methodist Church

March 22, 2026

Redemption Road

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 130 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: O Breath of Life (UMH 543)

Prayer Hymn: Sprit of the Living God, x2 (UMH 393)

Choir Anthem: Once Upon a Tree

Closing Hymn: Hymn of Promise (UMH 707)

Prayer Concerns:

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

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

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
United Women in Faith-
Installation of Officers
Prelude | Time of Contemplation
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Prayer of Confession
Prayer of Illumination
A Psalm Reading
Choral Anthem
A Scripture Reading
Sermon
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
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: Estelle Vasek, Don French

Ushers: Richard Miller, Irma Mora

Acolyte: Georgia Heady

Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski

Liturgist: Nancy Craig

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: CCC

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Estelle Vasek, Don French

Ushers: Richard Miller

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

Children's Message: Carrie Ward

Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship:

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 23

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

LWV of Calumet Area @ 5:00pm, Narthex

Tuesday, March 24

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Lenten Study @ 1:00 p.m., Zoom

Messy Church @ 6:00p.m., Community Center

Wednesday, March 25

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library

Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,

Narthex/Library

Praise Bells @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 26

Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library

Social Justice Ministry @ 7:00pm, Zoom

Sunday, March 29

Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale from

8:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Community Center

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Announcements and Community News

March Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - The Community Preschool & Childcare

Easter Flowers – Today is the last day to submit your Easter flower orders! If you are interested in ordering a flower, please complete the Easter Flowers Order Form and submit it along with your payment to Hope UMC.

Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, March 24** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Hope UMC Trustee’s will host a **free Pancake Breakfast** on Palm Sunday, March 29, from **8:30 AM–1:30 PM**. A **bake sale** will also be held, with all proceeds supporting the *Hope UMC Choir*. Everyone is welcome—come enjoy good food and fellowship!

United Women In Faith Agape Meal – Mary Circle of United Women in Faith will host the Agape meal this year on **Tuesday, March 31** at noon in the Narthex. Meatless dishes traditionally eaten during Holy Week will be served, including Kugel, assorted olives, bread, and Cheese. Everyone is Welcome. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

Maunder Thursday Service – **Thursday, April 2** at 7:00 p.m., Hope United Methodist Church

Good Friday Combined Evening Service – **Friday, April 3** at 7:00pm, Hope United Methodist Church

Impact 2818 – is the outdoor ministry of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. To engage, equip, and empower young people through meaningful outdoor experiences where they encounter God’s transforming love through camps, retreats, and conferences. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.inumc.org/outdoor-ministries>. **Register by April 20** to take advantage of the early bird discount.

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Welcome and Community Life

United Women In Faith Installation of Officers

A Time of Contemplation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

People: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Leader: Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

People: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Leader: Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

People: We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Leader: Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

**People: We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn – O Breath of Life (UMH 543)

1 O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us; revive, restore, for this we plead.

3 O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: What time I am afraid, I will trust in You, (Psalm 56:3)

Prayer of Confession

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Prayer of Illumination

Spirit of God, breathe your power into our hearts,
that we may hear your word for us today.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130 (Responsive)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshipped.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

People: And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

Choral Anthem – Once Upon a Tree

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know."

He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. 8 When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

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He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.”

I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

He said to me, “Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.’ So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I’m opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel’s fertile land. You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath[a] in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I’ve spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says.”

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon – Redemption Road

Prayer Hymn – Spirit of the Living God, x2 (UMH 393)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 – Hear Us, O God (UMH 490)

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 95)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn – Hymn of Promise (UMH 707)**

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***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.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude