Hope United Methodist Church

November 15, 2026

Hidden Treasure, Open Cross

Pastor Jim Denton

Mark 8:27-38

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Where He Leads Me (UMH 338)
Prayer Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (UMH 358, vv. 1,2,4)
Choir Anthem: Walk by Faith
Closing Hymn: Are Ye Able (UMH 530)

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, Mary
Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Betty, Diane, Barb

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
Scripture Reading
Choral Anthem
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
Lesser Thanksgiving
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Dismissal with Blessing*

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Serving Today

Greeters: Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora & Richard Miller
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Pat Mosley
Liturgist: Carrie Ward
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Cheryle Seljan & Irma Mora

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora & Richard Miller
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: *Thanksgiving Dinner*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 15
Veteran's Day Sunday
Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs
Communications @ 11:30am, Library

Monday, November 16
Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement
Book Club @ 1:00pm, Zoom

Tuesday, November 17
Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Messy Church @ 6:00pm, Community Center

Wednesday, November 18
Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Birthday Buddies @ 10:30, Narthex
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library
Handbells @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19
Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library
Expanded Council @ 6:00pm, Library

Sunday, November 22
Thanksgiving Dinner
Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs

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Announcements and Community News

November Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC – Wreaths Across America – a non-profit organization with the mission to: Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with us. More information at https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner — Hope UMC Church Thanksgiving Dinner is **Today**, **Sunday, November 22**, **at 12:00 noon**. We look forward to us all gathering for this wonderful time of sharing a meal and fellowship!

Poinsettias — We would like to have poinsettias beautify the church again this Christmas. If you would like to order a flower, please complete a form available in your bulletin, at the Welcome Center or church office, and place it along with your payment in an envelope by mail or the church office by **November 22**. **Cost is $15 per plant**. **Make checks payable to Hope United Methodist Church.**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – On **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm**, Hope UMC will be hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service with Christ Lutheran Church, Dyer and Griffith UMC, Christ & 5th Avenue UMC, FUEL, Hyde Park UMC, Centennial and Ridge UMC. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful time of worship, gratitude, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving!

Hanging of the Greens - Join us on **Saturday, November 28**, as we prepare our church for the Advent season with our annual Hanging of the Greens! All volunteers are welcome as we come together to decorate our church and make it beautiful for this special season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ. If you would like to volunteer, *please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex*

SCRIP Gift Cards - The Christmas season is right around the corner! If you would like to order Scrip gift cards in time for the Christmas holiday, please be sure to place your order **no later than Sunday, December 13.** Scrip gift cards make wonderful Christmas gifts while also supporting our church. See Nancy Jarmula after worship in the Narthex to place your order.

The altar flowers in worship are **in memory of Bob & Ellen Johnson** on their anniversary, given by Fran and Pete Vukovich.

Remember to like and follow our Facebook page if you are social media: www.facebook.com/INHopeUMC. And make sure you visit the website: inhopeumc.org/

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words
Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” As we answer the question of who Jesus is, God reminds us that we too are beloved children of God. Do our lives reflect that?

Call to Worship
Leader: Who do the sun and stars say that I am?
People: The light of the world!

Leader: Who do the birds say that I am?
People: A mother that keeps them safe in the nest.

Leader: Who do the trees say that I am?
People: The wind that blows through their leaves.

Leader: Who did Peter say that I am?
People: The Messiah, the Christ.

Leader: **And who do you say that I am?**
People: We seek your name again today. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** – Where He Leads Me (UMH 338)

1 I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

[Refrain] Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2 I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]

3 I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]

4 He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. [Refrain]

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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Prayer Hymn - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (UMH 358, *vv. 1, 2,4*)

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, May the hearing of your word set our minds on divine things,
reveal your truth, and help us to take up our cross as we faithfully
follow your son, our messiah.

Scripture Reading – Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;

and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Choral Anthem – Walk by Faith

Sermon – "Hidden Treasure, Open Cross"

Apostle's Creed (UMH 881)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

*__Closing Hymn__ – Are Ye Able (UMH 530)

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?" "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."

   [Refrain] Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? [Refrain]

3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod, to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? [Refrain]

4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. [Refrain]

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude