Hope United Methodist Church

November 22, 2026

Open Hearts, Open Hands

Pastor Jim Denton

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (UMH 206)
Prayer Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (UMH 358, vv. 1,2,4)
Choir Anthem: Hymn to Christ the King, with Keith Benson
Closing Hymn: Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH 399)

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 and Commitment*
Closing Hymn *
Dismissal with Blessing*

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

Serving Today

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

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora & Richard Miller
Acolyte: Georgia Heady
Children's Message: Niki Avina
Liturgist: Nancy Craig
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship:

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, November 23
Phil's Blankets @ 10:00am, Library
Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement

Tuesday, November 24
Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, November 25
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library
Community Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 26
Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29
Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs

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Announcements and Community News

November Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC – Wreaths Across America

Poinsettias — Today is the last day to order Poinsettias, Cost is $15 per plant. Make checks payable to Hope United Methodist Church.

Messy Church — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, December 15** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center, Community Center.

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*

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

Christmas Get-Together - United Women in Faith and Mary's Circle invite everyone to join them for a Christmas get-together on **Saturday, December 12 at 12 Noon, in the Narthex.** Enjoy delicious breakfast casseroles, fruit, coffee, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season together! More information contact or to RSVP to Donna Benirschke at (219) 844-2640.

The altar flowers in worship are **in memory of my daughter Barbara Kayes-Prohl,** given by Sheila Kayes

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words
Take a deep breath and prepare for worship, what is God speaking to your heart today.

Call to Worship
Leader: The world offers us "wisdom" about what is important.

People: We seek God's wisdom.

Leader: The world says bigger and wealthier is always better.
People: We want to invest in God's beloved community.

Leader: We want to invest in God's beloved community.
People: We offer our hearts to God.

***Opening Hymn** – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (UMH 206)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

[Refrain:] In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

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

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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

Holy One, sometimes our voices shake as we speak our truth. As we listen to your word again today, may our hearts flutter with the sound of your truth. Protect us from deceptions of this world and connect us to the deep knowledge of your spirit. Inspire us to build up this community of the heart. Amen.

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not

have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Choral Anthem – Hymn to Christ the King

Sermon – *“Open Hearts, Open Hands”*

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 and Commitment

*__Closing Hymn__ – Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH 399)

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude