



HOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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9 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship

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WORDS OF WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As neighbors and friends, let's share signs of peace and kindness with one another.

PRELUDE

We Are God's People

Leech/Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in God always!

People: Rejoice in God's steadfast love.

Leader: Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace.

People: Rejoice in God's saving Word.

Leader: Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.

People: Rejoice in God's healing presence.

Leader: Again, I say, rejoice!

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Holy God, we come into your house with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. We come to stand firm in our conviction: that good is stronger than evil, that love is stronger than hate, that truth will ultimately win the day. We come to be grounded in Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

#61

Ushers will collect your praise and/or prayer request cards.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

#894

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chosen to Serve

Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

Performed by: Bonnie Luck and Bruce Tucker

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* Rodger Landes

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kris

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* **#566**

THE MESSAGE Chosen Pastor Kris
Always Give Thanks - Part 1

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **#95**

*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING Pastor Kris

*CLOSING HYMN *Filled With the Spirit's Power* **#537**

*BLESSING Pastor Kris

*RESPONSE *Make Us One* **#2224** (TFWS)

POSTLUDE *Praise* Martin

***Please stand if you are able.**

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TFWS = The Faith We Sing - W&S = Worship & Song

Worship services are broadcast live on our website, and then archived to
view later at your convenience on our YouTube channel:
www.tinyurl.com/Hope-YouTube.

PRAYER LIST

If you have a joy or concern to share with the Hope Church family, please fill out a yellow or blue card in your pew and hand it to an usher.

Joys & Praise

- We always thank God for those who worship and visit with us.
- Grant, the high school student attending CTC for Fire Services passed his exam on Monday, September 28 with flying colors!
- Aaron Pursel was visited by the tooth fairy.

Prayers

- Please continue to keep Grant in your prayers. He is going through some family issues.
- Prayers for Rev. Larry Kipp and his family, especially his 18-year-old son, Dylan, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia and has begun immediate treatment. Prayers for healing, strength, and comfort for Dylan and his family as they begin this difficult journey.
- Prayers for Richard Muckle, Deputy Commissioner with the Tennessee Department of Correction, as he deals with the aftermath of the recent failed execution and the difficult circumstances surrounding it.
- Bonnie Seidel's friend, Christine, who is struggling with multiple infections and depression.
- Steve & Martha Smith's friend, Daryl, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. We pray for Daryl as he begins this journey.
- Chris Voshell's friend, Chris, is not doing well. We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for Chris, and for peace for Chris Voshell and all who care for him.
- Andrew Yoder's grandmother, Jean, as she nears the end of her life. We pray for comfort and peace for Jean and for strength and peace for Andrew and his family.