HOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 *Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life* North

This is a time to prepare our hearts for worship.
Please quietly reflect on the message of the music.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of our ancestors has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The choice to follow God has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Promise of the ages, we come to you this day to choose the ways of life. Grant us patience in our waiting, as we watch for signs of your coming kingdom. We will teach our children your ways, and pass on the lessons of life and death that we have learned. Amen

*OPENING HYMN *Lord, You Teach Us to be Humble*
(see insert)

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

VETERANS RECOGNITION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER **#895**

CHOIR ANTHEM *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
*Gl*adden; arr: Sheldon Curry
Flute: Lily Young

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 23:1-5, 37-39* Tom Texter

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kris

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Make Me a Servant* (sing 2x)
#2176 (TFWS)

THE MESSAGE **Pastor Kris**

What Hinders Beloved Community
Beloved Community - Part 2

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

***PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING** Pastor Kris

*CLOSING HYMN *Together We Serve* **#2175** (TFWS)

*BLESSING Pastor Kris

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

POSTLUDE *Ancient Of Days* Hughes

*Please stand if you are able.

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

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.
- We were delighted to have members of New Rebirth join us for last Sunday's worship service! It was wonderful to share in worship and fellowship together. We are grateful for their presence and look forward to continuing to build connections as one church family.
- Terry Seidel has been discharged from the hospital and has returned to rehab. He is doing well but continues to receive antibiotics to treat the blood infection.

Prayers

- Diane Hornberger's friend, Sandy Davidson, joined our Lord last week. Pray for those who loved her.
- Carol Miller was in the ICU and had to be intubated. Please keep Carol in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
- Melissa Readman's sister, Kay, had outpatient gall bladder surgery on Tuesday, November 3.
- Prayers for our nation!