



Hope United Methodist Church

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 17, 2026

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9 AM Sunday School • 10 :30 AM Sunday Worship

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Pastor: Kris Pursel

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please sign the attendance register!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

arr. Young

This is a time to prepare our hearts for worship.

Please quietly reflect on the message of the music.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.

People: See the power of the Most High God.

Leader: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.

People: Shout to God with cries of joy.

Leader: Clap your hand, children of Love incarnate.

People: Sing praises to God, our king.

***OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)**

God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power on high. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy **#121**

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

#895

BELLS OF HOPE

Bound for the Kingdom

arr. Bill Ingram

SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 14:15-24</i>	Rodger Landes
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Pastor Kris
*HYMN	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	#340
THE MESSAGE	Showing Up	Pastor Kris
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	<i>Soliloquy</i>	Riggs
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#95
*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING		Pastor Kris
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast</i>	#339
*BLESSING		Pastor Kris
*RESPONSE	<i>Make Us One</i>	#2224 (TFWS)
POSTLUDE	<i>My Tribute</i>	Crouch

*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.
- We are grateful to share that, after many prayers, a living donor was found for our friend Rick's liver transplant. The transplant surgery was successful, and both Rick and the donor are doing well. Recovery will take time, so we ask for continued prayers for healing and strength for both men. God is good, all the time! Thank you, Tom & Ivy Texter.
- Janet Wenk joyfully shares the birth of her new great-nephew, Edward Adam, who was born on Saturday, May 9. Congratulations to the family on this wonderful blessing!

Prayers

- Betty Good's sister is in the hospital.
- Diane Hornberger's friend, Mona, fell and broke her pelvis.
- Please keep Anna Oyer in your prayers as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. We pray for healing, strength, comfort, and a smooth recovery.
- We lift up the brave men and women serving in our military.