



# HOPE

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 4, 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                      *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*                      Williams

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens proclaim the glory of God!

**People: We too proclaim what God has done in our lives.**

Leader: Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.

**People: May we join the chorus,  
as we sing of God's great and abiding love!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

**Creating God, like the earth around us, we gather to proclaim your glory. We pray that you will revive our souls today. We pray that you will help us become a little bit wiser. We pray that our hearts will rejoice at the sound of your name. We pray that our eyes will be opened to your ways. We pray that we might live in peace and harmony with one another. And we pray that today, and every day, we will again choose to follow in the ways of Christ, so that our lives may become an example of your love and grace to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *Jesus Shall Reign*                      **#157**  
Ushers will collect your praise and/or prayer request cards.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTOR'S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM                      *Yours Is The Kingdom*                      Cindy Berry

SCRIPTURE READING                      *Romans 11:25-36*                      Mary Saylor

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kris

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION      *O Love, How Deep*      **#267**

**THE MESSAGE**      **Whose Kingdom It Really Is**      **Pastor Kris**  
*The Lord's Prayer - Part 7*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

\*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING      Pastor Kris

\*CLOSING HYMN      *To God Be the Glory*      **#98**

\*BLESSING      Pastor Kris

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

POSTLUDE      *Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven*      Smith

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

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

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at your convenience on our YouTube channel:  
[www.tinyurl.com/Hope-YouTube](http://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.
- Sylvia Geib had a great time on her trip with her daughters!
- Jim Pitman's brother is visiting before travelling to Germany.
- Congratulations to Tom & Ivy Texter, who are going to be great-grandparents again! Their granddaughter, Morgan, and her husband, Zack, are expecting a baby girl in March!

### **Prayers**

- Continued prayers for Tim Sumner's brother, Preston.
- Prayers for Ms. Sam (Preschool teacher) son, Jeremiah. He was admitted to the hospital on Saturday, September 26.
- Please keep Deb in your prayers. She fell on Saturday, September 26, and this is her second fall within the past two weeks.
- Please continue to keep Grant in your prayers. Grant is a high school student attending CTC for Fire Services and had an important exam on Monday, September 28, that he needed to pass. Please pray that he did well on the exam and that he will continue to be successful in his Fire Services program.