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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

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9 AM Sunday School • 10 :30 AM Sunday Worship

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Pastor: Kris Pursel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me* arr. DeCou

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Amid the forces of death and destruction.

People: It takes a village to save us.

Leader: Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea.

People: It takes willing souls to pull us from the water.

Leader: Amid the fear and hatred in our world.

People: It takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, we present our very lives as holy and living sacrifices to your purposes. During this time of worship, we seek the renewal of our minds and the strengthening of our spirits. Show us your will, that we may know what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King* #61

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER #895

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 8:9-16* Sandy Muckle

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kris

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit Song

#347

THE MESSAGE

Belonging

Pastor Kris

The Lord's Prayer - Part 1

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Close To Thee

Vail

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*

#95

*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Pastor Kris

*CLOSING HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God*

#539

*BLESSING

Pastor Kris

*RESPONSE *Make Us One*

#2224 (TFWS)

POSTLUDE

Go Forth In Faith

Paxton

*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 were blessed to have Pastor Lyle deliver the morning message on Sunday, August 16!

Prayers

- Lisa Helock's 10-year-old cousin, Sofia, remains hospitalized, but her functions are beginning to return. Please continue to keep Sofia and her family in your prayers.
- Prayers for the families and loved ones of the two individuals who lost their lives in the Route 272 accident on Saturday, August 15.
- Please pray for one of the Gap Male Chorus members who broke his leg and will now need to wear a brace for the rest of his life. Pray for his healing, strength, and adjustment to this new challenge.