



Hope United Methodist Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 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 *At The Cross* arr. Broughton

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Cry out to God.

People: God listens to us.

Leader: Hope in God.

People: God forgives us.

Leader: Wait for God.

People: God's love is faithful.

***OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)**

Come, Spirit of God. We wait for your presence. We trust in your abiding promises. Breathe the breath of your power into us this day, that we may experience the power of new life, the promise of forgiveness, and blessing of community. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **#140**

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER **#896**

CHOIR ANTHEM *In Christ Alone*
Getty & Townsend; arr. Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING *Lamentations 3:19-24* Diane Hornberger

CHILDREN'S SERMON		Pastor Kris
*HYMN	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	#175
THE MESSAGE	Lament and Hope <i>Through the Valley - Part 6</i>	Pastor Kris
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	<i>Quiet Reflection</i>	Mansfield
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#95
*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING		Pastor Kris
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	#368
*BLESSING		Pastor Kris
*RESPONSE	<i>Make Us One</i>	#2224 (TFWS)
POSTLUDE	<i>At Rest</i>	Ritter

*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.
- Terry Seidel was able to stand on Friday—still very weak, but a significant milestone.
- Ron Chamber and Cindy Bartsch got married on Wednesday, March 11.
- Tony & Judy Hachkowski celebrated an anniversary on Monday, March 16.
- Michael Cage's brother and sister-in-law adopted two kids.

Prayers

- Please keep Marie Lindberg in your prayers as she underwent cardiac catheterization on Friday, March 20.
- Continued prayers for Barbara Waite, who is home from the hospital.
- We lift up the brave men and women serving in our military.