



# Hope United Methodist Church

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 19, 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**                      *Let All Things Now Living*                      arr. Larsen

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Even if we feel abandoned and alone.

**People: Christ meets us here.**

Leader: Even when we become lost and disoriented.

**People: Christ rescues us in our need.**

Leader: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost.

**People: Christ warms our spirits.**

Leader: Even when all light has faded to black.

**People: Christ illumines our Way.**

Leader: Here in this house of worship  
enter, rejoice, and come home.

**\*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)**

**Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways and the grandeur of your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers and break bread in your name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      *Morning Has Broken*                      **#145**

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PASTOR'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

#894

BELLS OF HOPE *My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need*

*arr. by Dan Edwards*

*Dedicated In Memory of Doris Smith*

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 1:28-31*

Len Fake

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kris

\*HYMN *This Is My Father's World*

#144

**THE MESSAGE** **A Special Responsibility**  
*A New Creation - Part 3*

**Pastor Kris**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Close To My Savior*

Marshall

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

#95

\*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Pastor Kris

\*CLOSING HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#152

\*BLESSING

Pastor Kris

\*RESPONSE *Make Us One*

#2224 (TFWS)

POSTLUDE *The Voice Of Praise*

Nordman

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

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and then archived to view later at your convenience on our  
YouTube channel:  
[www.tinyurl.com/Hope-YouTube](http://www.tinyurl.com/Hope-YouTube).

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## Prayer List

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*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.
- Pastor Kris was able to take some time off and go camping.

### **Prayers**

- Pray for Larry Bickhart's daughter, granddaughter and great-grandson, they are all facing health issues
- Pray for Grace Gerhart's sister-in-law, Joan.
- A dear friend of Kevin & Melissa Readman's, his brother, Matt was tested and diagnosed with cancer.
- Continued prayers for Steve & Martha Smith's friend, Daryl, he still is unable to start treatment as he has more tests to be done.
- Continued prayers for Andrew Yoder's grandmother.
- We lift up the brave men and women serving in our military.