

Hope United Methodist Church

July 12, 2026

Set the Mind

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH 57, verses 1-5,7)

Prayer Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (UMH 348)

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (UMH 451)

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Jim, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Jacob, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Jacob, Betty, Andrea, Kristen, Steve, Dana, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Katie, Linda, Richard.

For family of Jo Ann on their recent loss. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn*

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Change for Change Collection

Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm Reading

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn *

Breakthrough Prayer*

Dismissal with Blessing*

**Please stand, as you are comfortable.*

Serving Today

Greeters: Irma Mora, Estelle Vasek

Ushers: Irma Mora

Acolyte: Georgia Heady

Children's Message: Maureen

Tedesco

Liturgist: Marcos Pontes

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: Harold Fink & Yvonne Jackson

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Irma Mora, Estelle Vasek

Ushers: Irma Mora

Acolyte: RJ Heady

Children's Message: Pat Mosley

Liturgist: Carrie Ward

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: Marcos Pontes & David Bieschke

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 12

Worship Committee after worship,
Children's Sunday School Room

Monday, July 13

Phil's Friends @ 10:00am, Library
Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Tuesday, July 14

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Adam's Rib @ 5:00pm, Hartsfield

Wednesday, July 15

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Birthday Buddies @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,
Narthex/Library

Thursday, July 16

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library
Expanded Council @ 6:00pm, Library

Sunday, July 19

Bells @ 9:30am, Sanctuary
CLC Mtg after Worship, Children Sunday
School Room
Laity Retreat @ 3-6pm, Hebron, IN

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Announcements and Community News

July Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana - is a wonderful non-profit organization that's all about making a difference in Lake County by providing affordable housing and revitalizing communities. They believe in the power of community and work tirelessly to help local families find strength, stability, and self-reliance through sustainable homeownership. For more info: <https://nwihabitat.org>

Drawing Near: Northern Lakes Laity Retreat - Are you seeking to grow closer to God, discern your calling, or explore a certified lay ministry path? Join us for the **Drawing Near Laity Retreat on Sunday, July 19, 2026, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. (CT) at Hebron United Methodist Church, 202 W. Church Street, Hebron, IN.** For More information, contact District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Karen Williams at mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com.

The Next **Messy Church** event is on **Tuesday, July 28** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

Justice and Mercy for All (JAM): The Social Justice Ministry group will take a short break during July. Meetings resume via Zoom in August on the **second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact the church office or Joe and Mary Jo Shea.

Praise Bells & Hymn Sing - Have you ever wanted to try ringing handbells? You're invited to join us on the **third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** for a special Hymn Sing during worship. Everyone is welcome—no experience is necessary! Come enjoy the fun of ringing handbells as we make music together in worship.

Picnic – Cookie Donations & Volunteers Needed - As we prepare to welcome our community at Hope UMC's **Community Picnic on August 9**, we are seeking donations of **2 dozen cookies of any kind**, packaged in individual baggies with **2–3 cookies per baggie**, depending on the size. If you are able to donate cookies or help with setup or cleanup, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office .

The altar flowers in worship this morning are **in memory of Mary Seljan**, given by Cheryle Seljan and in honor and celebration of **Yvonne Jackson's 90th Birthday**.

Remember to like and follow our Facebook page if you are social media:
www.facebook.com/INHopeUMC. And make sure you visit the website: inhopeumc.org/

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

People: We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH 57, vv. 1-5,7)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

5 He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

7 In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10)

Prayer Hymn – Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (UMH 348)

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

[Refrain] Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

Prayers of the People

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Prayer Response – Hear Us, O God (UMH 490)

Prayer of Illumination

God of new beginnings and ancient stories, help us see ourselves in your stories, in your promises, and in your plan. Light our way with your word today, and guide us with your Spirit of love. Amen.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:105-112 (Responsive)

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

People: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Leader: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,

People: and teach me your ordinances.

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually,

People: but I do not forget your law.

Leader: The wicked have laid a snare for me,

People: but I do not stray from your precepts.

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever;

People: they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

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Sermon – “Set the Mind”

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn – Be Thou My Vision (UMH 451)**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3 Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Breakthrough Prayer**

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude