

Hope United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026

A New Start

Pastor Jim Denton

Colossians 3:1-4 and
Matthew 28:1-10

Today's Music:

Prelude: Festival Procession (Praise Bells, Organ and Alex Akers - Trumpet)

Opening Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (UMH 302)

Prayer Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross (Solo by Andre Owens)

Choir Anthem: Glorious Morning and Angels Rolled de Stone Away

Closing Hymn: He Lives (UMH 310)

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, Denny, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Pauline

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

Worship Order

Welcome
Prelude
Center Words
Choral Anthem
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Time of Prayer | Prayer Solo
Choral Anthem
Prayer of Illumination
A Scripture Reading
A Gospel Reading*
Sermon
Holy Communion
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology* (UMH 94)
Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*

Serving Today

Greeters: Irma Mora, Fran Vukovich
Ushers: Richard Miller
Acolyte: RJ Heady
Children's Message: Pastor Jim
Liturgist: Pat Mosley
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: CLC

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Irma Mora, Fran Vukovich
Ushers: Richard Miller
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Maureen Tedesco
Liturgist: Marcos Pontes
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Can YOU help? See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex?
Guest Preacher: Pete Ward

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 6

Operations Team @ 5:00pm, Library

Tuesday, April 7

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Lenten Study @ 1:00pm, Zoom

LWV of Calumet Area @ 5:30pm, Library

Wednesday, April 8

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library

Brianna's Hope @6:00pm, Narthex/Library

Thursday, April 9

Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library

SPRC @ 5:00pm, Office

CP&CC Staff Mtg. @ 5:30pm, Library

Finance Mtg. @ 6:00pm, Sunday Schl Rm

Girl Scout Leaders @ 6:30pm, Narthex

Social Justice Ministry @ 7:00p.m., Zoom

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Announcements and Community News

April Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Messy Church.

Pastoral Vacation Notice - Pastor Jim will be on vacation from **April 6–12**. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes this time to rest and be renewed. During his absence, Pastor Pete will be available for all pastoral care needs. Brenda will also be in the office during her regular hours to assist with any administrative matters. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them if you need anything while Pastor Jim is away.


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


Impact 2818 – is the outdoor ministry of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. To engage, equip, and empower young people through meaningful outdoor experiences where they encounter God's transforming love through camps, retreats, and conferences. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.inumc.org/outdoor-ministries>. **Register by April 20** to take advantage of the early bird discount.


Following today's Prelude, we ask that take a moment of silence to contemplate these words: Easter teaches us that life never ends and love never dies.


Thank you to our guest musicians, **Alex Akers and Andre Owens**. We are grateful for them sharing their talents with Hope United Methodist Church this morning.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude, Festival Procession (with Praise Bells, Organ, Alex Akers – Trumpet))

Centering Words - Easter teaches us that life never ends and love never dies.

Choral Anthem - Angels Rolled de Stone Away

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (UMH 302)

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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Prayer Hymn – The Old Rugged Cross (Andre Owens)

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)

Choral Anthem – Glorious Morning

Prayer of Illumination

Risen Lord, May your word, the Word of life, rise again in us as we hear the good news of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Scripture Reading

Colossians (3:1-4)

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

***Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

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Sermon - "A New Start"

Holy Communion

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

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***Closing Hymn – He Lives (UMH 310)**

1 I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2 In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

***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