

# Hope United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026

## Sunday Service

### Give You As a Light

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalms 40:1-11

Isaiah 49:1-7

## Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Christ Is the World's Light (UMH 188)

Prayer Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (TFWS 2197, verses 1,4)

Closing Hymn: This Little Light of Mine (UMH 585)

Choir Anthem: Spirit Song

## 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

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

## Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn\*

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Change for Change Collection

Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn

Choral Anthem

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology | Prayer of Dedication\*

Closing Hymn \*

Breakthrough Prayer\*

Dismissal with Blessing\*

## Serving Today

**Greeters:** Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

**Ushers:** Pete Ward, Richard Miller

**Acolyte:** Georgia Heady

**Children's Message:** Cyndi Slaboski

**Liturgist:** Nancy Craig

**Fellowship:** Yvonne Jackson

## Serving Next Sunday

**Greeters:** Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

**Ushers:** Pete Ward, Richard Miller

**Acolyte:** RJ Heady

**Children's Message:** Pat Mosley

**Liturgist:** Maureen Tedesco

**Fellowship:**

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, Jan. 18

Adult Bible Study, @ 11:30am, Library

Confirmation Class @ 11:30am, Basement

CCC @ 11:30 am, Sunday School Room

### Monday, Jan. 19

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Book Club @ 1:00pm, Via Zoom

### Tuesday, Jan. 20

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

### Wednesday, Jan. 21

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library

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

Praise Bells @ 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

### Thursday, Jan. 22

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library

Social Justice Ministry @ 7:00pm, Via Zoom

### Sunday, Jan. 25

Merger Next Steps Workshop @ 11:30am, Sanctuary

\*Please stand as comfortable

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## Announcements and Community News

### January Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - The Neighborhood Meal

**Next Steps Merger Workshop Seminar** - After worship on **January 25**, Hope UMC will be having a Next Steps Merger Workshop Seminar. Rev. Shannon Stringer and Rev. Dr. Cindy Reynolds will be leading us as we discover how to continue to grow together as Hope UMC. To sign-up, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. A light lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.

**Messy Church** – The Next Messy Church event is on Tuesday, **January 27** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

**Northern Lakes District Leadership University 2026** - Free Zoom workshops for laity and clergy will be held Sat., Jan. 31 (9am–noon CST) and Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 (8–11am CST). Register by Jan. 30 or Feb. 6. Learn more and register at [inumc.org/districts/northern-lakes-district](https://inumc.org/districts/northern-lakes-district) or contact Eva Goeb - [eva.goeb@inumc.org](mailto:eva.goeb@inumc.org)

**2026 Annual Conference Session** - Thinking about how to get more involved in the Conference in the new year? **The District Equalization Members' Willingness to Serve** form gathers names of those willing to serve as an equalizing member at the 2026 Annual Conference Session. To express your willingness to serve and find more information visit <https://inumc.swoogo.com/Serve2026>. The application deadline is **February 2** at 11:59 p.m. Questions, please see Pastor Jim or Pat Mosley.

**Northern Lakes District Spring 2026 Lay Servant Academy** - You are invited to join us for the Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue training for living out the call to make disciples for the transformation of our churches, communities, and world. This is an in-person LSA and you must attend all four sessions to receive credit. The first class will take place on **February 22** and will continue on **March 1, March 8, and March 15**. Training will take place at Hebron UMC, 202 West Church Street, Hebron, Indiana. For more information contact Karen Williams at 219-869-2324 or [mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com). **Registration deadline:** Prior to start of class on February 22, 2026.

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## Welcome and Community Life

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

**People: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn – Christ Is the World's Light (UMH 188)

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

### Opening Prayer

### Children's Message

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. (Isaiah 26:4)

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## Prayer Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness TFWS 2197 (verses 1, 4)

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## 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 – Spirit Song

## Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture Reading

### Psalm 40:1-11

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit coming out of the miry bog, set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: The Lord puts a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**People: Many will see and be in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!

**People: O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!**

Leader: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

**People: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; but you have given me an open ear.**

Leader: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**People: Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me; I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**People: lo, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**

Leader: I have not hid your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

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**People:** I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

Leader: O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me,

**People:** let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve me!

## Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: The Word of God

**People:** Thanks be to God

## Sermon - "Give You As a Light"

### Apostles' 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.

## Offering our Gifts to God

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\*The Doxology (UMH 95)

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn** - This Little Light of Mine (UMH 585)

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine; All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*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**