

Hope United Methodist Church

July 26, 2026

More Than Conquerors

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: How Can We Name a Love (UMH 111)

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

Closing Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord (UMH 419)

Prayer Concerns:

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

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: Bellamy Avina

Children's Message: Pat Mosley

Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship:

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Irma Mora, Estelle Vasek

Ushers: Irma Mora

Acolyte: Ameya Serna

Children's Message: Pastor Jim

Liturgist: Pat Mosley

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship:

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 27

Phil's Friends @ 10:00am, Library

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Tuesday, July 28

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Messy Church @ 6:00pm, Community Center

Wednesday, July 28

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

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

Thursday, July 30

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library

Sunday, August 2

Worship Committee after worship, Children Sunday School Room

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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>

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.

Northern Lakes Fall Lay Servant Academy – Join us for the **Lay Servant Ministries Academy** to begin or continue your lay servant training. **Classes meet Sundays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, & 27, from 2:00–5:00 p.m.** at Hebron UMC, 202 W. Church St., Hebron, IN. Attendance at all four sessions is required for credit. Cost: \$10. **Register by Sept. 6** at <https://inumc.swoogo.com/hebronfall2026>. For more information, contact Karen Williams at 219-869-2324 or mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com.

CP & CC Pre-K Recognition – On **Thursday, August 6 @ 1:30pm.** – Join us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate our CP&CC friends moving up to Kindergarten. We invite everyone to come and recognize these special children as they reach this exciting milestone!

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 my daughter Barbara Kayes-Prohl**, given by Sheila Kayes.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

People: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – How Can We Name a Love (UMH 111)

1 How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.

2 If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there, we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

3 When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

4 So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun: In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

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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

Open our hearts, O Lord, that your Spirit may speak to our spirit in the hearing of your word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (Responsive)

Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord's presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

People: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Leader: The Lord is our God, whose judgments are in all the earth.

People: The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,

Leader: The covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

People: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." Praise the Lord!

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon – "More than Conquerors"

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,

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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

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** – I Am Thine, O Lord (UMH 419)

1 I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. *[Refrain]*

3 O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! *[Refrain]*

4 There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. *[Refrain]*

*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.

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Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude