

# Hope United Methodist Church

March 29, 2026

## Marching Orders

Pastor Jim Denton

Matthew 21:1-11 and  
Philippians 2:5-11

## Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (UMH 278)  
Prayer Hymn: I Surrender All (UMH 354, verses 1,3-4)  
Choir Anthem: Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me  
Handbell Anthem: Hosanna  
Closing Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (UMH 280)

## 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, Kennedy

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

## Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life  
Prelude  
Proclamation of the Gospel  
The People's Response  
Processional Hymn\*  
Opening Prayer  
Children's Message  
Change for Change Collection  
Prayer of Confession  
Choral Anthem  
Prayer of Illumination  
New Testament Reading  
Sermon  
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn  
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:** Estelle Vasek, Don French  
**Ushers:** Richard Miller  
**Acolyte:** Sofia Smith  
**Children's Message:** Carrie Ward  
**Liturgist:** Maureen Tedesco  
**Organist:** David Bieschke  
**Fellowship:**

## Serving Next Sunday

**Greeters:** Estelle Vasek, Don French  
**Ushers:** Richard Miller  
**Acolyte:** RJ Heady  
**Children's Message:** Pastor Jim  
**Liturgist:** Pat Mosley  
**Organist:** David Bieschke  
**Fellowship:** CLC

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, March 29

Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale from  
8:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Community Center

### Monday, March 30

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

### Tuesday, March 31

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library  
United Women in Faith Agape Meal @  
noon, Narthex

### Wednesday, April 1

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex  
Food Pantry Mtg @ 1:00pm, 6635 Hohman  
Communications Mtg. @ 4:30pm, Narthex  
Praise Bells @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary  
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,  
Narthex/Library

### Thursday, April 2

Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library  
Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm,  
Sanctuary

### Friday, April 3

Good Friday- Stations of the Cross 3pm to  
6pm, Ridge UMC  
Combined Good Friday Evening Service @  
7:00p.m., Sanctuary

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## Announcements and Community News

**March Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC** - The Community Preschool & Childcare

**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.

**United Women in Faith Agape Meal** – Mary Circle of United Women in Faith will host the Agape meal this year on **Tuesday, March 31** at noon in the Narthex. Meatless dishes traditionally eaten during Holy Week will be served, including Kugel, assorted olives, bread, and Cheese. Everyone is Welcome. Please contact Donna Benirschke or Yvonne Jackson for more information.

**Maudy Thursday Service** – **Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, Hope United Methodist Church

**Good Friday Walk-In Stations of the Cross** – Will be held on **Friday, April 3**, at Ridge UMC, 8607 Columbia Ave., Munster IN (219) 838-4770 from **3pm to 6:00pm**


**Good Friday Combined Evening Service** – **Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm**, Hope United Methodist Church


**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.


The altar flowers in worship are in memory of my family, given by Yvonne Jackson.

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## Welcome and Community Life

### Prelude

### Proclamation of the Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### The People's Response

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Processional Hymn** – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (UMH 278)

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

### Opening Prayer

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## Children's Message

Memory Verse: What time I am afraid, I will trust in You, (Psalm 56:3)

## Prayer of Confession

**Choral Anthem** – Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me.

## Prayer of Illumination

God of restoration, just as Jesus emptied himself for your glory, may we empty ourselves of all that keeps us from hearing the promises and freedom your grace offers. Amen.

## New Testament Reading

### Philippians 2:5-11

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Sermon – “Marching Orders”

### Prayer Hymn – I Surrender All (UMH 354)

1 All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

3 All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine; let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. *[Refrain]*

4 All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. *[Refrain]*

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## **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)

## **Offering our Gifts to God – Hosanna (Praise Bells)**

\*The Doxology (UMH 95)

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn** – All Glory Laud and Honor (UMH 280)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2 The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. [Refrain]

4 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. [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.

## **Dismissal with Blessing**

## **Postlude**