

Hope United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026

So That They May Be One

Pastor Pete Ward

Psalm 21:1-7 and
John 17:1-11

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (UMH 103)

Prayer Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee (TFWS 2158)

Choir Anthem: - God Has Gone Up With a Shout

Closing Hymn: – O Jesus, I Have Promised (UMH 396)

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, Kennedy, Katie, Linda

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
Choral Anthem
Gospel Reading*
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
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: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte:
Children's Message: Carrie Ward
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Wed. Bible Study

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Sandi & Alan Arendt

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 17

Certified Lay Speaker Session @ 3pm
(Zoom)

Monday, May 18

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement
Book Club @ 1:00pm, Zoom

Tuesday, May 19

CP & CC Tea Party @ 8am, Narthex
Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Property Fund Mtg. @ 1:00pm, Library

Wednesday, May 20

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
B-Day Buddies @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Praise Bells @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,
Narthex/Library

Thursday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

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Announcements and Community News

May Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Haven House – is an emergency shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They are in need of donations, including twin bedding, household items, wipes, paper towels, and canned or frozen food. To learn more or donate, visit: <https://www.havenhousedvs.org>


Next Sunday May 24 - We will celebrate **Pentecost** - a commemoration and celebration of receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. Plan to wear something red!

Church Office Closed - In observance of **Memorial Day**, the church building will be closed on **Monday, May 25**.


Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, May 26** 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>.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God.

Leader: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

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People: Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Leader: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

Leader: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (UMH 103)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above they clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see' tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Prayer Hymn –Just a Closer Walk with Thee (TFWS 2158)

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1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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 all light, as Jesus prayed for his friends, pray over us now. Open our minds to your truth and our hearts to your presence. Hold us together in your love, and let your Word shape who we are becoming. Make us one, and make us yours.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 21:1-7

Leader: In your strength the king rejoices, O Lord,

People: and in your help how greatly he exults!

Leader: You have given him his heart's desire

People: and have not withheld the request of his lips.

Leader: For you meet him with rich blessings;

People: you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

Leader: He asked you for life; you gave it to him—
length of days forever and ever.

**People: His glory is great through your help;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.**

Leader: You bestow on him blessings forever;

People: you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

Leader: For the king trusts in the Lord,

People: and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

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Choral Anthem - God Has Gone Up With a Shout

John 17:1-11

Christ's prayer for his disciples

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon – “So That They May Be One”

Apostle’s Creed (UMH 881)

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.

Offering our Gifts to God – Praise Bells (Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho)

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** – O Jesus, I Have Promised (UMH 396)

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1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

***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