

Hope United Methodist Church

October 18, 2026

Chosen

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance (UMH 369)

Prayer Hymn: Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)

Choir Anthem: One Step

Closing Hymn: Rejoice in God's Saints (UMH 708)

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, Aiden

Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, 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

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn *

Dismissal with Blessing*

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Serving Today

Greeters: Sandy Han Horn, Anna Frankland

Ushers: Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

Children's Message: Pat Mosley

Liturgist: Carrie Ward

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: Sandy Van Horn & Katie Isaacs

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Sandy Van Horn, Anna Frankland

Ushers: Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: Georgia Heady

Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski

Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: SPRC

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 18

Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs

CLC @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

LSA @ 1:00pm, Hope UMC, various rooms

Monday, October 19

Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement

Book Club @ 1:00pm, Zoom

Tuesday, October 20

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Ministry & Care Team @ 7:00pm, Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

Birthday Buddies @ 10:30am, Narthex

Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library

Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,

Narthex/Library

Thursday, October 22

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library

J.A.M. @ 7:00pm, Zoom

Sunday, October 25

Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs

CLC @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

LSA @ 1:00pm, Hope UMC, various rooms

Neighborhood Meal @ 5:00pm(All Church)

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Announcements and Community News

October Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC – Hospice of the Calumet Area, a not-for-profit organization, guided by a simple but powerful mission: Cherishing Life. Our team is dedicated to helping patients and families navigate one of life's most difficult journeys with dignity, compassion, and personalized care. What sets Hospice of the Calumet Area apart is our commitment to caring not only for the patient, but for the entire family.

All Saints Sunday – November 1 - Join us as we honor the saints who have gone before us. To include a loved one who passed this year, please email the church office with their name, date of passing, and a photo by **October 28**. You may also add names to our **Bell Banner** in the narthex—write the name on the All Saints sheet affix a bell in their memory.

Ministry Fair – Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, November 8**, for worship in the sanctuary, followed by fellowship and our Ministry Fair in the Community Center. Come worship, connect with others, and discover the many ways to get involved in Hope UMC's church ministries. We look forward to seeing you there!

Veterans Day Remembrance — Hope UMC would like to honor our members and friends who have served or are currently serving in the military. Forms are available at Welcome Center, or you may contact the church office. This information is due by **November 1**. Help us ensure no one is missed!

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Sunday – Join us **Sunday, October 25**, as we celebrate and honor our wonderful pastor and staff for their dedication, love, and faithful service to our Hope community! Join us for worship and fellowship as we show our gratitude. A basket will be available for cards and small gifts of appreciation. Let's come together to let our pastor and staff know how much they are loved and appreciated!

Trick-or-Treating Event — On **Tuesday, October 27**, Hope UMC combined with Messy Church and Community Preschool and Childcare will be having a Trick-or-Treating event for the community from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the community center. To help support this wonderful event, we are asking for Halloween candy donations. There will be a festive candy container by the Welcome Center for donations. **Deadline for Candy Donations is due Next Sunday, October 25.**

The altar flowers in worship are **in memory of Shawn Smith, Beth & David Moll**, given by The Smith Family.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Who has been an example of a Christian for you? What do you see in their faith or action that compels you?

Call to Worship

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

Leader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – Blessed Assurance (UMH 369)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Opening Prayer

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Children's Message

Memory Verse: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

Prayer Hymn - Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)

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

Prayer of Illumination

May your Spirit bless us in the hearing of your word that we may be constant in our prayers and devotions, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Psalm Reading – Psalm 99 (*Responsive*)

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and wondrous name.

People: Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

People: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

People: Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

People: They cried to the LORD, who answered them. who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

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Leader: They kept God's testimonies, and the statutes that God gave them.

People: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Leader: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

People: Surely the LORD our God is holy!

Choral Anthem – One Step

Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Sermon – “Chosen”

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, 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**

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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 – Rejoice in God's Saints (UMH 708)**

1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2 Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray. Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own. They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude