

Hope United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026

Tested

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (UMH 66)
Prayer Hymn: Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)
Choir Anthem: Loving God, Loving People
Closing Hymn: God of Love and God of Power (UMH 578)

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: Irma Mora, Richard Miller
Acolyte: Georgia Heady
Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: SPRC/Staff Appreciation

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Sandy Van Horn, Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora, Richard Miller
Acolyte: RJ Heady
Children's Message: Pastor Jim
Liturgist: Pat Mosley
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Chancel Choir

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 25

Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs
LSA @ 1:00pm, Hope UMC, various rooms

Monday, October 26

Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement
Phil's Friends @ 10:00 am, Library

Tuesday, October 27

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Trick-or-Treating Event @ 5:30pm, Community Center

Wednesday, October 28

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library

Thursday, October 29

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library

Sunday, November 1

Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs
LSA @ 1:00pm, Hope UMC, various rooms

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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.

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, and 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 **Next Sunday, November 1**. Help us ensure no one is missed!

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Sunday – Today, October 25, we will 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.

Trick-or- Treating Event - 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.

Poinsettias - We would like to have poinsettias beautify the church again this Christmas. If you would like to order a flower, please complete the form in your bulletin and place it along with your payment in an envelope by mail or the church office by **Sunday, November 22**. **Cost is \$15 per plant**.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Mark your calendar! Hope UMC Church will host its Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday, November 22**. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. More details are coming soon!

The altar flowers in worship are **in honor of Ryan and Neil Jarmula, given by Nancy Jarmula**

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Have you ever felt that God was testing you? What was that experience like? What did you learn about God through that experience? About yourself?

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: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

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

Leader: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

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

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (UMH 66)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and quick to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3 Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

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4 Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Prayer

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

Holy God, may your word bless us with the courage and wisdom to respond to division, confusion, injustice, and hardship as imitators of Christ and agents of divine love as we work for the well-being and flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. Amen.

A Psalm Reading – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, wherever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to the dust, and say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"

People: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning:

People: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

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Leader: Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

People: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;

People: Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Choral Anthem – Loving God, Loving People

Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Sermon – “Tested”

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 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Lesser Thanksgiving

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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 – God of Love and God of Power (UMH 578)**

1 God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

[Refrain] God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

2 We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's
trumpets ringing clear. *[Refrain]*

3 All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion
anywhere. *[Refrain]*

4 God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping
free our spirits still. *[Refrain]*

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude