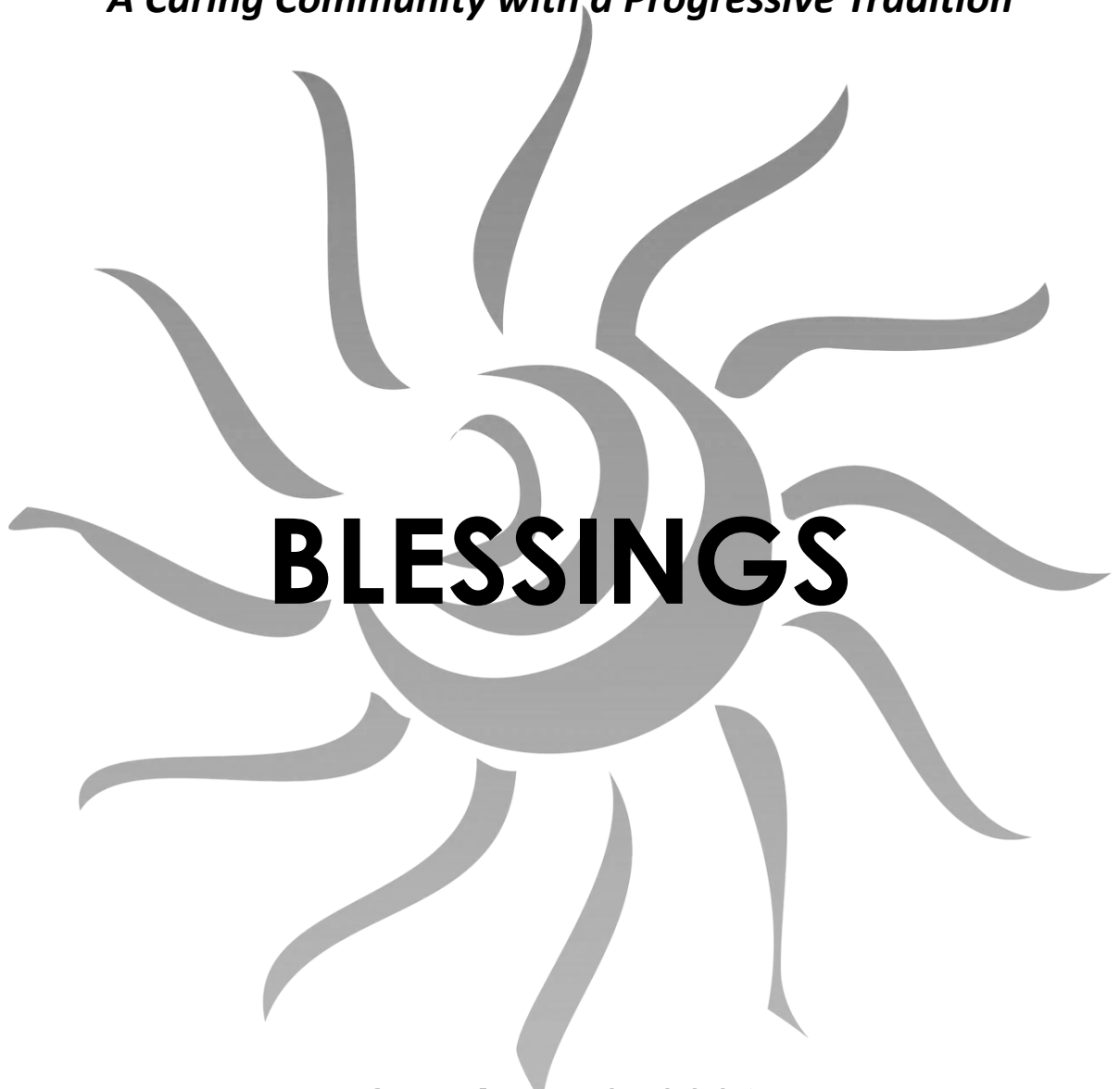


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A Caring Community with a Progressive Tradition

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BLESSINGS

October 18, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

We are grateful that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we extend an extra warm welcome to you and hope you will relax and enjoy worship! Come forward at any time during the service to light a prayer [votive] candle on the communion table. **Joys & Concerns are broadcast online so please use discretion when sharing prayer concerns.** Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for coffee hour following worship today!

PRELUDE

"Nun Bitten Wir/To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Winnenberg, 1524

Setting by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship together,

ALL: Different people, different lives, different histories.

One: Yet all children of the same parent

ALL: Created by the source of all life.

One: We gather to reconnect with one another.

**ALL: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us,
and through us.**

One: We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all this, let us worship God.

*HYMN

VU #226 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

PREPARING THE WAY

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Go now in peace, Go now in peace.

May the Spirit of Love surround you

Everywhere, everywhere, you may go ... you may go.

FIRST READING:

Ecclesiastes 9:11 NRSV

Again, I saw under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful; but time and chance happen to them all.

SECOND READING:

Anonymous Hymn circa 1625

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he hastens and chastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What a Wonderful World"
Performed by Dan Williams

MESSAGE

HYMN

VU #296 *"This is God's Wondrous World"*

A TIME FOR SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER-SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You're invited to pray in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer and in your own language, as appropriate.

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"O Filit Et Filiae"
French, 15th Century
Setting by David von Kampen

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose daystar shines for us on high.
Whose spirit brings into our sight
The hope, which to our world draws nigh. Amen.

***ALLELUIA AND BENEDICTION**

We join hearts, hands and voices to sing an eight-fold Alleluia. The second time through we hum the tune and sing the final "Alleluia."

POSTLUDE

"Let Our Gladness Have No End/Narodil Se Kristus Pan"
Bohemian, 15th Century
Setting by Ralph C. Schultz

**Thank
you!**

To this week's worship helpers:

Ann Jenkins - Liturgist
Roy Ames- Trustee
Carol Weis and Lynn Brunswick - Deacons
Claire Minahan - Nursery
Suzanne Holvenstot and Donna Shewchuk- Coffee Hour
- Slide Presenter

We truly appreciate each of you!

Weekly Words of Encouragement From the Mental Health Committee

Caring for Your Body:

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Nourish it with rest, movement and care as part of honoring God.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Activity/Meeting
Sunday	October 18	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Constitutional Amendments Sunday Worship Led by Jim Hansen and Faith Formation
Tuesday	October 20	7:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Rotary Breakfast Deacons Trustees
Wednesday	October 21	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Hope U Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	October 22	8:30 AM 12:30 PM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café Rescheduled Grief Support
Sunday	October 25	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Led by Rev. Frank Maxwell March of the Goblins and Faith Formation
Monday	October 26	10:30 AM	Memorial Monday
Tuesday	October 27	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Rotary Breakfast BOE via Zoom
Wednesday	October 28	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Hope U Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	October 29	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café
Friday	October 30	12:00 PM	Juliet's Lunch at Pinecrest
Saturday	October 31	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Halloween Party
Sunday	November 01	10:30 AM	Sunday Communion Worship Led by Rev. Frank Maxwell and Faith Formation
Tuesday	November 3	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	November 4	2:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Aging Discussion Group Hope U Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	November 5	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café Church Council
Sunday	November 8	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Led by Rev. Frank Maxwell and Faith Formation

Please contact the church office to report calendar corrections, additions, or changes
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES, please call or text
Frank at 414-308-3478 or email frankhmaxwell@gmail.com

Prayer List

Jana Mitchell
Karen Ebbeson

George W

Lynn K (Friend of Ricki)

Mathew M (Cousin of Ann)

Samuel G (Grandson of Cyndi)

Darlene P

Chris (Friend of June K)

Kevin C

Suzanne's Family

Theresa (Aunt of Samantha)

Gayla G (Niece of Nancy)

Jim Anschutz

Theo (Penny's Granddaughter)

Everyone in our world who is frightened, losing benefits, and/or grieving

Incarcerated and detained persons

LGBTQ+ youth & adults everywhere

Victims and survivors of gun violence

L.E.A.F. Families

People who are missing or in harm's way

...And especially the family and friends of

Cynthia R (DIL of Imelda)

Adam H

Cal Holvenstot

Jim Ebbeson

**Please make a note on a yellow pew card or contact the
church office to update the prayer list.**

Frank's office hours are
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10AM to 12PM
His after-hour contact information is
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Our worship services are shared live on Vimeo and are available for viewing on the Internet. If you do not want your image shown, sit at the rear of the sanctuary or immediately beneath the camera. If you want to view what is shown, <https://vimeo.com/event/4958968>



This sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop technology. If your hearing aid has the T-coil feature, activate the T-coil and your hearing aid becomes a personal receiver, part of the sound system of the church. If you have trouble hearing our speakers, but don't have hearing aids or they're being repaired, you may hear better with Loop headphones. Ask a deacon about them or find them in the basket by the Loop sign.



Resources are available to help occupy young children attending Sunday services. Children's books and jigsaw puzzles are available on the small bookcase at the far north wall of the sanctuary. Books, crayons, and coloring sheets are in the "Hope for Kids" busy bags on the stand in the narthex. Our Hope nursery is available for children aged five and under. The screening process for attendants includes a background check and Safe Conduct training.

Moderator: Eric Vollrath
Choir Director: Mary Hall
Organist/Accompanist: Cheryl Pfister
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Hope United Church of Christ

Hope Church Mission Statement

People come together at Hope Church for the following purposes:

- To worship God.
- To promote personal and spiritual growth.
- To develop a religious community which encourages tolerance and openness of thought and accepts diversity of thought and action.
- To search for meaning in life, and for understanding of ourselves through the teachings of Jesus and other great teachers.
- To understand how all things are related to each other, and to learn how we may best serve our local community and our world community.
- To celebrate with joy, the richness of ourselves and our religious community.

Hope United Church of Christ (UCC) Relational Covenant Created 1-30-2021

We, of Hope United Church of Christ, make an intentional choice to embrace this covenant as an essential part of our faith journey. The following are ways in which we will work together to reach our highest potential as individuals and as a community.

- We aspire to be open, affirming and to encourage everyone to travel their own spiritual path. We are committed to building trust, advocating for justice, and celebrating diversity.
- We treat ourselves and each other with patience and love by listening with compassion and speaking with authenticity.
- We affirm all emotions, take responsibility for our own words and actions, and trust the good intentions of others.
- We affirm that every voice has equal value. In our verbal, written and online communication (email, texting, Facebook, etc.), we speak directly to any individual with whom we have a concern in caring, clear, honest, and respectful ways. Substantive issues that require discussion may be better handled in-person. We refrain from gossip and honor confidentiality.
- We uphold our faith community by participating actively and responsibly in the decision-making process and work of the church, as we are able. We reach out to meet the needs of each other and the wider community. We are accountable to each other.
- We create a safe environment for self-disclosure and healthy relationships. When harm is experienced, we acknowledge it, promptly take responsibility, and work to make amends. We practice forgiveness and kindness.

Endorsed by Hope UCC Council on February 23, 2021