

# HOPE



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*A Caring Community with a Progressive Tradition*



**May 10, 2026**  
**10:30 AM**

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

*"Reflection on Bradbury"*

Douglas E. Wagner

Arranged by William B. Bradbury

## \*WELCOME & GREETING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE COLLECTIVE STORY OF RESURRECTION

### Introduction

### Refrain

**Rise up in us and we will rise  
From death into a newfound life:  
From bondage freed, from harm released,  
From illness healed, as one in peace.  
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,  
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Leader: Jesus made a charcoal fire to make breakfast and beckoned the disciples to bring some of their fresh-caught fish.*

*Reader: Abundance is meant to be shared. Jesus shows us how to serve and care. He stood among them and said: "Peace be with you."*

*Leader: Jesus said, "Come and have breakfast," giving bread and fish to each disciple.*

*Reader: In our fear of scarcity, we sometimes are hesitant to share, but Jesus shows us how.*

Leader: After offering sustenance to the weary disciples, Jesus turned to Simon Peter and asked: "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said: "Feed my lambs."

Reader: Often, we discover the love language of our faith by sharing with others.

Leader: A second time, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said: "Tend my sheep."

Reader: We can grow in faith by caring for others.

Leader: A third time, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter felt hurt at the repeated request and said, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus said: "Feed my sheep."

Reader: We are called to feed and tend to the needs of all people, especially those in need of liberation from hunger and oppression.

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples that we all will need help at times in our lives.  
Then, Jesus said, "Follow me."

**\*All: We open our hearts, hands, and resources to make better the circumstances of all people for living and thriving.**

Leader: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.  
Thanks be to the Living Word.

– based on John 21:9-19

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"For Everyone Born," V 1-5 (See page 4)

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# For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

## **\*THE KEY TO PEACE**

### **READING**

Notes on Liberation

Psalm 146 (NRSVUE)

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.  
Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.  
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of those who cannot see.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*"Fill-a-Me Up"*  
*Pepper Choplin*

### **READING**

A Story of Liberation: God Hears the Cry

Exodus 3:1-15  
(NRSVUE, slightly revised)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight

and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” God said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me your name, what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations...”

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

*“Liberation”*

### **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

***Halle, halle, halle-luya!***

***Halle, halle, halle-luya!***

***Halle, halle, halle-luya!***

***Halle-luya, halle-luya!***

### **THE MESSAGE**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### SILENT PRAYER

### PASTORAL 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 GIFTS & OFFERINGS

#### Invitation to Generosity

#### Offertory

*"Angel's Song"  
Louri Grichetchkine*

#### \*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.*

#### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**May the gifts we offer feed those who are hungry, as we have been fed.  
May these gifts give those who thirst for hope a cup which is overflowing.  
May our gifts be used to welcome all who are your children, our siblings in  
this life. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** VU 509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)" V 1-3

**\*ALLELUIA RESPONSE**

*Let us join hearts, hands, and voices to sing an 8-fold Alleluia*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”  
Matthew McConnell, 1566*

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**To this week’s worship helpers:**

Suzanne Holvenstot and Patsy Vollrath - Liturgists

Don Whitson-Schmidt and Roy Ames - Trustees

Marsie Hartman and Mary Ames – Deacons

Justin Pittman - Slide Presenter

Ricki Mitchell - Nursery

Trustees - Coffee Hour

**We truly appreciate each of you!**

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**Weekly Words of Encouragement  
From the Mental Health Committee**

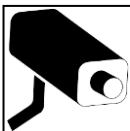
**May 8, 2026 – Week 19**

***The Weight of Silence:***

***Bottling up struggles adds to the burden.***

***Reach out to a trusted friend, pastor, or counselor.***

***Speaking truth aloud is the first step to freedom.***



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.

Pastor: Rev. Carol Reynolds  
 Moderator: Eric Vollrath  
 Choir Director: Mary Hall  
 Organist/Accompanist: Cheryl Pfister  
 AV Manager: Beth Mitchell  
 Office Manager: Brenda Curtis



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**Readers, slide presenters and coffee hour hosts**

Contact Brenda in the office to sign up or for more information.

## **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.

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### **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

This is a living document. It is our intention to revisit and refine this covenant.

Updated by Hope UCC Council on 11-6-25

# Events Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Activity/Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Worship and Faith Formation (Mother's Day)</b>
Tuesday	May 12	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	May 13	4:00 PM	Pastoral Support Committee
Thursday	May 14	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Cafe
Friday	May 15	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	May 16	12-4 PM	Repair Café / <b>No coffee w/Carol</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Mental Health Sunday &amp; Faith Formation</b>
		12:30 PM	Suicide Prevention Presentation & QPR Worship
Tuesday	May 19	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	May 20	1:30 PM	Personnel Committee
		3:00 PM	Safety Committee
		3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
		5:45 PM	Music Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	May 21	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Cafe
		12:30 PM	Grief Support Group
Friday	May 22	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
		11:30 AM	Juliets Lunch
Saturday	May 23	2-3 PM	Coffee/Carol @ 5&J
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Worship &amp; Faith Formation</b>
			<b>Strengthen the Church Special Offering</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	
Tuesday	May 26	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	May 27	7:00 PM	Final choir practice until Sept.
Thursday	May 28	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café
		7:00 PM	Board of Education
Friday	May 29	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	May 30	2-3 PM	Coffee/Carol @ 5&J
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Education and Music Appreciation Sunday Worship and Faith Formation</b>
		11:45 AM	Board of Ed meeting with middle schoolers' and soon to be middle schoolers' parents

*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 Pastor Carol at 508-282-9511 or to schedule an appointment. Her office hours are Wed. – Thu, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## **Prayer List**

Jana Mitchell	Yvonne Siira & Family	Anna
The Bender Family	Brenda Veldboom	Char Shinktgen
Jim & Karen Ebbeson	Anna Herdina	Adrian "Ade" Webber
Janice McMahon	George Weis	Vivian G
Peter	Dave L	June S
Lael C	Debbie C	Kim H
Darlene P	Sarah W (Sister of Allison)	Shawn M
Chris (Friend of June K)	Amelia B	Adam H
Maetta C	Gavin L	Dolly M
Dolly M	Tom B (Husband of Penny)	Eric (Son of Sharon M)
Cynthia R (DIL of Imelda)	Sarah J (Friend of Ricki)	Nancy S
Lynn K (Friend of Ricki)	Scott B	John H
Dave R (Friend of Ricki)		

### **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  
The people of and from the Ukraine, the Caribbean, Gaza,  
Venezuela, Minnesota, the Middle East, Ecuador, and Cuba.

### **...And especially the family and friends of**

Thomas Foster (Father of Tom)	Sasha H
Beth Anne W (Daughter of Olive S)	Phil Sweet
Hope B	Jendean and Dan Olson (Parents of Angela)
Eugene H	Tim S (Brother of Nancy F)
Kathy M	Henry G
David B	Bernie V (Friend of Nancy F)
Guy (Brother of Geri Lynn)	

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