

HOPE



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July 5, 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 1

"Larghetto"

Louis Spohr; arranged by: Todd Kendall

PRELUDE 2

Star Spangled Banner

Arranged by: Jason Tonioli

*WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to sing,

rejoicing in the good that walks this land by day.

We have come to be silent,

repenting of the evil that stalks it by night.

We have come to this place because here we are reminded

that you are both our creator and our conscience.

Here all of our loyalties are put in the proper place,

ordered behind our allegiance to you.

Be with us in our celebration and our confession,

that our citizenship might become more responsible,

our nation more humble, and our world more dependable.

~Cartwright, Colbert S. and Harrison, O.I. Cricket, eds. *Chalice Worship*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 1997, p174.

*OPENING HYMN

"How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies," V 1-4 (See pg. 3)

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

Miriam Therese Winter, 1993; Adapted from
 "America the Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
 2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
 3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,
 4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea

our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.
 O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
 the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.
 that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
 A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
 a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.
 a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished
 New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to
 write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later
 Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all
 of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.
 Samuel A. Ward, 1882

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12 (Common English Bible)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion.

Sing aloud, Daughter Jerusalem.

Look, your king will come to you.

He is righteous and victorious.

He is humble and riding on an ass,

on a colt, the offspring of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem.

The bow used in battle will be cut off;

he will speak peace to the nations.

His rule will stretch from sea to sea,

and from the river to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ Moreover, by the blood of your covenant,

I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope.

Moreover, declare today that I will return double to you.

SECOND READING

Psalm 145:8-14 (Common English Bible, slightly revised)

"The Lord is merciful and compassionate,

very patient, and full of faithful love.

⁹ The Lord is good to everyone and everything;

God's compassion extends to all their handiwork!"

¹⁰ All that you have made gives thanks to you, Lord;

all your faithful ones bless you!

¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kin-dom;

they talk all about your power,

¹² to inform all human beings about God's power

and the majestic glory of God's kin-dom.

¹³ Your kin-dom is a kinship that lasts forever;

your rule endures for all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all that they say,

faithful in all that they do.

¹⁴ The Lord supports all who fall down,

straightens up all who are bent low.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If Not Now," Carrie Newcomer Bob Moellenberndt

Chorus

**If not now, tell me when
If not now, tell me when.
We may never see this moment
Or place in time again
If not now, if not now, tell me when.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.*

THE MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"We Are a Gentle, Angry People," V 1-6 (see pg. 8&9)

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE 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 in Heaven,

**Remind us constantly that you are parent to all your children,
Whoever, or wherever they are or come from.**

Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,

Establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Disturb us into awareness of the needs of others.

Forgive us our sins,

Our pride and our prejudices.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

**Especially keep our hearts and minds open
To see the good in others.**

Deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,

Just and true,

The power,

Gentle and fair,

And the glory,

Shot through with the colours of love,

Are yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

~USPG: *From Shore to Shore*. SPCK Publishing, 2003.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Celebration"

David Paxton

***Praise Response**

"Doxology for Humanity"

Praise eyes that see all human need

Praise minds that cast out selfish greed

Praise lips that challenge those in power

Praise those who struggle every hour

Music: Old Hundredth/"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" © 2013

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God,

With thanks we offer the gifts of our hands and the fruits of our labors.

Accept them as expressions of our response to the life and love you have given us.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Sung Invitation

"Room at the Table," Carrie Newcomer
Bob Moellenberndt

Introduction

Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Blessing

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the gift of your very self, broken and poured out for us.

Pour us out into a broken world.

Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way you lead us, now and forever.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"This Is My Song," V 1-2 (see pg 10)

***ALLELUIA RESPONSE**

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

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"A Patriotic Quotation"
Robert J. Hughes
Based on the tune MATERNA
Arranged by Samuel A. Ward

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We Are a Gentle, Angry People

$\text{♩} = 66$

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/2 time, marked with a tempo of 66 beats per minute. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal melody is introduced in the second system. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, each corresponding to a vocal phrase. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines. The score concludes with a final piano chord.

1. We are a gen - tle, an - gry peo - ple, and we are
2. We are a jus - tice-seek-ing peo - ple, and we are
3. We are young and old to - geth - er, and we are
4. We are a land of man - y col - ors, and we are

sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.

We are a gen - tle, an - gry peo - ple, and we are
 We are a jus - tice-seek-ing peo - ple, and we are
 We are young and old to - geth - er, and we are
 We are a land of man - y col - ors, and we are

sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
 sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
 sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.
 sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives.

5. We are gay and straight together,
 And we are singing, singing for our lives.
 We are gay and straight together,
 And we are singing, singing for our lives.

6. We are a gentle, loving people,
 And we are singing, singing for our lives.
 We are a gentle, loving people,
 And we are singing, singing for our lives.

Words & music: Holly Near, 1944- , © 1979 Hereford Music,
 arr. by Patrick L. Rickey, 1964- ,
 arr. © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

SINGING FOR OUR LIVES
 9.5.5.D.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899
 Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

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**To this week's worship helpers:**

Penny Beerntsen - Liturgist

Roy Ames - Trustee

Marsie Hartman and Don Tighe - Deacons

Carol Moellenberndt - Coffee Hour

Patsy Vollrath - Nursery

Ann Quale - Slide Presenter

**We truly appreciate each of you!**

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Weekly Words of Encouragement

From the Mental Health Committee

July 3, 2026 – Week 27

God's Perfect Timing:

When life feels delayed, remember God's timing is never late.

Trust God's process even when you can't see the outcome.



Readers, slide presenters and coffee hour hosts

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



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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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

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
Sunday	July 05	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum-Jill Thiry & Soundful Sunday Independence Day Weekend Worship with Communion
Monday	July 06	4:00 PM	Al-Anon
Tuesday	July 07	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast Movement & Mindfulness Tuesday
Wednesday	July 08	3:00 PM	Safety Committee
Thursday	July 09	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café
Friday	July 10	9:00 AM – 2:00 Pm 10:30 AM	Southern Door Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	July 11	1:30 PM 2:00 PM	Literacy Door County Social(Fellowship Hall) Last Coffee w/Carol @ 5 th &J
Sunday	July 12	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum-Jill Thiry & Soundful Sunday New Member Sunday Worship with Baptism
Monday	July 13	4:00 PM	Al-Anon
Tuesday	July 14	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast Movement & Mindfulness Tuesday
Wednesday	July 15	3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
Thursday	July 16	8:30 AM 12:30 PM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café Grief Support
Friday	July 17	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	July 18	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Repair Café
Sunday	July 19	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum-Jill Thiry & Soundful Sunday Sun
day Worship and Service of Farewell		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour of Gratitude and Best Wishes
Monday	July 20	4:00 PM	Al-Anon
Tuesday	July 21	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast Movement & Mindfulness Tuesday
Thursday	July 23	8:30 AM	Romeos Breakfast @ Sunrise Café
Friday	July 24	10:30 AM	Meditation Location TBD
Sunday	July 26	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum-Jill Thiry & Soundful Sunday Sunday Worship Led by Joan Shiels

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)	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)	Cyndi N	Samantha O
Clara	Kevin C	

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

Rev. Phil Sweet	Hope B
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)	Harold Proctor

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



SAVE THE DATES:
Sunday Service
Special Music Performances
July 5th: Bob Moellenberndt
July 12th: John and Karen Stangel
July 26th: Don Tighe and Tom Foster
August 16th: Tom Foster and Holly Feldman
August 23rd: John Contratto
September 13th: Door County Handbell Choir