

Hope United Methodist Church

February 1, 2026

What Is Good

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 15 and Micah 6:1-8

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign (UMH 157)

Prayer Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness(TFWS 2197, verses 1,3)

Communion Hymn: Here I am, Lord

Closing Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission(UMH 584)

Choir Anthem: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Jim, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Jacob, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Jacob, Betty, Andrea, Kristen, Steve, Dana, Denny, Michael, Jacqueline,
For the families of Kay'Lee and Jackie.

Our homebound: Wayne, Adele, Mary, Sandy, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
Choral Anthem
Scripture Readings
Sermon
Holy Communion
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*

Serving Today

Greeters: Yvonne Jackson
Ushers: Irma Mora, Fran Vukovich
Acolyte: Bellamy Avina
Children's Message: Pastor Jim
Liturgist: Pat Mosley
Fellowship:

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Yvonne Jackson
Ushers: Fran Vukovich, Jackie Lewis
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message:
Liturgist: Joan Link
Fellowship: Lisa Romero & Family

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 1

Adult Bible Study, @ 11:30am, Library
Next Steps Merger Workshop @ 11:30am, Community Center

Monday, Feb. 2

Dart Ball @11:30 am, Basement
UWFaith & Mary's Circle @ 11am, Narthex
Operations Team @ 6:30pm, Library

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
LWV of Calumet Area @ 5:30pm, Narthex

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Brianna's Hope @6:00pm, Narthex/Library
Praise Bells @ 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, Feb. 5

Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library
SPRC @ 5:30pm, Library

Sunday, Feb. 8

Adult Bible Study, @ 11:30am, Library
Worship Committee @ 11:30am, Sanctuary

*Please stand as comfortable

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Announcements and Community News

February Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - The Vine Food Pantry

Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, February 24** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

Northern Lakes District Leadership University 2026 - Free Zoom workshops for laity and clergy will be held on Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 (8–11am CST). Register by Feb. 6. Learn more and register at inumc.org/districts/northern-lakes-district or contact Eva Goeb - eva.goeb@inumc.org

2026 Annual Conference Session - Thinking about how to get more involved in the Conference in the new year? **The District Equalization Members' Willingness to Serve** form gathers names of those willing to serve as an equalizing member at the 2026 Annual Conference Session. To express your willingness to serve and find more information visit <https://inumc.swoogo.com/Serve2026>. The application deadline is **February 2** at 11:59 p.m. Questions, please see Pastor Jim or Pat Mosley.

Michigan City United Women in Faith is inviting any ladies to their 75th Valentine Tea. It will be held at First United Methodist Church at 121 E 7th Street in Michigan City on **February 14** at 1:00 PM. It will be their last tea and want to share with as many people as possible. Contact Lora Ward at 708-650-6417 if you are interested in going.

Northern Lakes District Spring 2026 Lay Servant Academy - You are invited to join us for the Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue training for living out the call to make disciples for the transformation of our churches, communities, and world. This is an in-person LSA and you must attend all four sessions to receive credit. The first class will take place on **February 22** and will continue on **March 1, March 8, and March 15**. Training will take place at Hebron UMC, 202 West Church Street, Hebron, Indiana. For more information contact Karen Williams at 219-869-2324 at 219-869-2324 or mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com. **Registration deadline:** Prior to start of class on February 22, 2026.

Chili Cook-Off – Mark your Calendar! On **February 15** after worship, Hope UMC will have a Chili Cook-Off. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSVP.

The alter flowers in worship are in memory of Marilyn Cox, given by Barb Iler.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us? When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

People: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn – Jesus Shall Reign (UMH 157)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Jesus endless prayer be made and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

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Prayer Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness TFWs 2197 (verses 1,2)

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

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 (UMH 490)

Choral Anthem – Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 15

Leader: O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

People: The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from the heart;

Leader: who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend, nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;

People: in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;

Leader: Who does not put out money that interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

People: The one who does these things shall never be moved.

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” What God Requires “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings with calves a year old?

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Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon - "What Is Good"

Holy Communion

Confession & Pardon

Leader: Micah reminds us that our prayers, fasting, and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice: When we forget the fast you desire - To do justice, and rise up for the powerless:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we forget the prayer you love - To show compassion and care for those in need:

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: When we forget the rituals you require - To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

People: Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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Prayer After Communion

ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May this holy meal that we have shared fill us with your Spirit that we might bring your loving justice to those who do not know justice. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 95)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** – You Give the Great Commission (UMH 584)

1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

***Breakthrough Prayer**

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude