Hope United Methodist Church

June 21, 2026

Hearing the Voice
Pat Mosley

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Genesis 21:8-21

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Great Is They Faithfulness (UMH 140)
Prayer Hymn: Spirit Song (UMH 347)
Closing Hymn: I Need Thee Every Hour (UMH 397)

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, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Katie, Linda, Richard

Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane, Jo Ann

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
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*
***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Serving Today

Greeters: Irma Mora, Estelle Vasek
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Bellamy Avina
Children's Message: Carrie Ward
Liturgist: Carrie Ward
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Harold Fink & CLC

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Irma Mora, Estelle Vasek
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Harold Fink & CLC

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 22
Phil's Friends @ 10:00am, Library
Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Tuesday, June 23
Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, June 24
Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library

Thursday, June 25
Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library
Social Justice @ 7:00pm, Zoom

Saturday, June 27
Expanded Council Planning Retreat @ 9am – 12pm, Narthex

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Announcements and Community News

June Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - The Welcome Network – Located in Hammond, IN. The Welcome Network helps immigrants and refugees by providing legal aid, housing, and community support for families starting a new life. They depend on both donations and volunteers to continue serving people in need. For more information: visit www.thewelcomenet.org.

Praise Bells and Hymn Sing – If you ever wanted to try handbells, this is the perfect opportunity! We'll meet at 9:30am on Sunday mornings to review the hymns before worship – no experience necessary. Come give it a try and make a joyful noise with us this summer!

Hope Leadership Planning Retreat, Saturday, June 27, 9am-12pm. All members of the Guiding Council and Expanded Council will devote a full morning to the discussion, selection, and calendaring of Hope UMC ministry events and community activities for Fall 2026 through 2027. We will gather in the narthex, where a light brunch will be provided. Even if not on Council, if you are serving in any of Hope's ministry areas or just want to be involved in event scheduling, your participation is welcome, too. Contact Council Chair Jane Harper-Alport (219/718-8328) for more information and to let her know you plan to attend.

Pastor Jim Vacation - Pastor Jim will be on vacation through **June21**. Please pray for him to have a restful and refreshing time with his family! Pastor Pete is available for any pastoral care needs that arise, and Brenda will be in the office during her regular hours for all administrative needs. Please contact them should you need anything while Pastor Jim is away.

Life Line Screening - will be at **Hope UMC, 7320 Northcote Avenue** on **Wednesday, July 8** and are offering a special screening package price. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-324-9458, texting the word circle to 216-279-1607 or visit Life Line Screening's website at LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC

The altar flowers in worship this morning are **in honor of Pete and Lora Ward**, given by Sarah and Carrie Ward.

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***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship
Leader: When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God…

People: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God…
People: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God…

People: And God pays attention to us.

Leader: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

People: May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

***Opening Hymn** – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness!

[Refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Prayer Hymn – Spirit Song (UMH 347)

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

[Refrain] Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. [Refrain]

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)

Prayer of Illumination
As God listens closely to us, may we listen closely for God's message to us today.

A Psalm Reading (Responsive)
Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

Leader: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

People: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

People: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

Leader: In the day of my trouble I call on you,

People: for you will answer me.

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

People: nor are there any works like yours.

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

People: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

People: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:8-21
The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot

and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

Sermon – "Hearing the Voice"

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.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** – I Need Thee Every Hour (UMH 397)

1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

[Refrain] I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2 I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. [Refrain]

3 I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. [Refrain]

4 I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill. [Refrain]

5 I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

*__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