

Hope United Methodist Church

May 10, 2026

The Story Abides

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 115:1-11, 18b and
John 14:15-21

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (UMH 89)
Prayer Hymn: Just A Closer Walk with Thee (TFWS 2158)
Choir Anthem: A Place Called Home
Closing Hymn: O Spirit of the Living God (UMH 539)

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, Kennedi, Katie, Linda

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

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
Prelude
Centering Words
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Mother's Day Litany
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
Prayer of Illumination
Psalm Reading
Choral Anthem
Gospel Reading*
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
Lesser Thanksgiving
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*

Serving Today

Greeters: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: RJ Heady
Children's Message: Carrie Ward
Liturgist: Marcos Pontes
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: CLC

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Bellamy Avina
Children's Message:
Liturgist: Marcos Pontes
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship:

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Celebration @ 10:15 am, Sanctuary

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Adam's Rib @ 5:00pm, Hartsfield

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library
Finance Meeting @ 6:00pm, Library
Girl Scout Leaders @ 6:30pm, Narthex
Social Justice Ministry @ 7:00pm, Zoom

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

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Announcements and Community News

May Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Haven House – is an emergency shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They are in need of donations, including twin bedding, household items, wipes, paper towels, and canned or frozen food. To learn more or donate, visit:

<https://www.havenhousedvs.org>

Pastor Jim Vacation - Pastor Jim will be on vacation from **May 11-17**. Please pray for him to have a restful and renewing week of vacation. During this time, Pastor Pete is available for all pastoral care needs, 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.


Certified Lay Speaker Info Session (Zoom) - Interested in becoming a Certified Lay Speaker in the Northern Lakes District? Join our new CLSP Cohort to grow in faith through spiritual formation and preaching opportunities. Zoom session will take place on **Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m.** Email Karen Williams at mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com for a zoom link and to learn more.


Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, May 26** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.


Impact 2818 – is the outdoor ministry of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. To engage, equip, and empower young people through meaningful outdoor experiences where they encounter God's transforming love through camps, retreats, and conferences. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.inumc.org/outdoor-ministries>.


The altar flowers in worship this morning are in honor of my, daughter Patricia, given by Yvonne Jackson.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

Leader: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

Leader: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Leader: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

People: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (UMH 89)

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

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Memory Verse: Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Mother's Day Litany

Leader: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

Leader: We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

People: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

Leader: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

People: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Leader: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

People: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

Leader: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

People: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Leader: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

People: Grant them time to share with their families.

Leader: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

People: Grant them relief and justice.

Leader: We pray for step-moms.

People: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

Leader: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

People: Grant them faith and hope.

Leader: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

People: Grant them support and insight.

Leader: We pray for moms who have lost children.

People: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

People: Grant them healing and peace.

Leader: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

People: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

Leader: We pray for adoptive mothers.

People: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

Leader: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

People: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

Leader: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

People: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

Leader: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

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People: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

(All mothers, women, and girls are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a blessing through prayer and the laying on of hands.)

Prayer of blessing: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples . . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer Hymn –Just a Closer Walk with Thee (TFWS 2158)

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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

God, be our refuge and strength, God, be our refuge and strength, an ever-faithful rock in the the shifting sands of life. Christ, be our firm foundation, nourishing us to grow more and more like you. Holy Spirit, be our wisdom and guide, empowering us to be God's people in the world.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 115:1-11, 18b (Responsive)

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

People: Our God is in the heavens; Whatever God pleases, God does.

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Leader: Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

People: They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

Leader: They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

People: They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; throats, but make no sound.

Leader: Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord!

People: The Lord is their help and their shield.

Leader: O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

People: The Lord is their help and their shield.

Leader: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

People: The Lord is their help and their shield. Praise the Lord!

Choral Anthem - A Place Called Home

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. “I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon – “The Story Abides”

Apostle’s Creed (UMH 881)

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.

Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Offering our Gifts to God – Praise Bells (Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho)

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** – O Spirit of the Living God (UMH 539)

1 O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

***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