

Hope United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026

Disciples Transform the World

Pastor Jim Denton

Matthew 28:16-20

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Here I Am, Lord (UMH 593)

Closing Hymn: The Summons (TFWS 2130)

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Betty, Andrea, Steve, Dana, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Katie, Linda, Richard, Julio, Jim, Jacob, Patrick, Kristen, Aiden

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

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Mission Project - Phil's Friends

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn *

Dismissal with Blessing*

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Serving Today

Greeters: Anna Frankland, Irma Mora

Ushers: Irma Mora & Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

Liturgist: Marcos Pontes

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: CLC/Hope Celebration

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Anna Frankland, Irma Mora

Ushers: Irma Mora & Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: Georgia Heady

Children's Message: Pat Mosley

Liturgist: Carrie Ward

Organist: David Bieschke

Fellowship: Irma Mora

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 13

Hope UMC Celebration/Phil's Friends
LSA @ 2:00pm, Hebron UMC

Monday, September 14

Phil's Friends @ 10:00am, Library
UWFaith & Mary's Circle @ 11:00am,
Narthex & Zoom
Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement
N.A. @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

Tuesday, September 15

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library
Ministry & Care Team @ 7:00pm, Zoom
N.A. @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

Wednesday, September 16

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Birthday Buddies @ 10:30am, Narthex
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,
Narthex/Library

Thursday, September 17

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library
Expanded Council @ 6:00pm, Library

Friday, September 18

N.A. @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

Saturday, September 19

UWFaith Fall Gathering @ First UMC,
Valparaiso, Indiana

Sunday, September 20

CLC @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room
Youth Group @ 11:30am, Downstairs
LSA @ 2:00pm @ Hebron UMC

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Announcements and Community News

September Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC – Phil's Friends, is an organization that provides free, customized care packages and heartfelt support to cancer patients. Their mission is to spread love, hope, and strength during one of life's toughest battles—reminding those facing cancer that they are never alone.

United Women in Faith "Mission Unstoppable" – **United Women in Faith Fall Gathering** will take place at First UMC Valparaiso, 103 Franklin Street, Valparaiso, Indiana **on September 19, 11:00am to 3:15pm** (CST). Please bring donations of adult coloring books, markers, colored pencils, women's hair brushes, and children's detangler for **Raindrops Rising**. To register or learn more, contact Lora Ward at (708) 650-6417 or email lward4203@aol.com, \$10 Registration, payable at the door. Come join us for a meaningful time of fellowship, faith, and service!

Northern Lakes Fall Lay Servant Academy – Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue your lay servant training. Classes meet **Sundays, Sept. 13, 20, & 27**, from **2:00–5:00 p.m.** at Hebron UMC, 202 W. Church St., Hebron, IN.

The **Next Messy Church** event is on **Tuesday, September 22** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry - You are invited to join us for the Lay Servant Ministries course 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 Lay Servant Academy event. Attendance at all 4 sessions is required for credit. This class begins on October 11 and runs **October 11, 18, 25, and November 1, 1-4pm** at **Hope UMC, 7320 Northcote Ave., Hammond, IN. Register by October 8:**

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/introlayministry2026>

The altar flowers in worship are given by and **in honor of Carrie Ward**, given by Lora & Pete Ward

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www.facebook.com/INHopeUMC. And make sure you visit the website: inhopeumc.org/

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Spend time in prayer this week, asking God to show you where God is calling you to go and live as a disciple who loves boldly, serves joyfully, and leads courageously. Share what you notice in prayer with a trusted friend or pastor. What is one step you can take to go and do what God is calling you to do?

Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, who are you?

People: We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Family of God, why do you gather?

People: To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.

Leader: Family of God, how do you worship God?

People: By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

Leader: Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – Here I Am, Lord (UMH 593)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon – "Disciples Transform the World"

Mission Project - Phil's Friends

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - The Summons (TFWS 2130)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never by the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let me life be grown in you and you in me?

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2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude