



**Sixth Sunday after Easter**  
May 10, 2026 10:30 a.m.

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" John A. Behnke

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Blessed is the maker of the world, giver of life and breath!

**All: In you, O God, we live and move and have our being!**

One: Come and hear what God has done.

**All: We gather to hear, respond, and praise!**

\*GATHERING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #1 vv.1-3

*(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

**Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,**

**almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,**

**not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;**

**Your justice like mountains high soaring above,**

**your clouds which are foundations of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life-giving—to both great and small;**

**In all life you're living, the true life of all;**

**We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,**

**Then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

Creator and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied  
to notice your presence in our lives:

**when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder  
of you upholding our lives and all creation;**

when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within,  
and around us;

**when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence,**

Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,

that we may lean on you and praise you in all we do. *(silent confession)*

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, believe the good news! Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we are reminded  
of God's grace, now and always.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" v.4

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**Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,**

**Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 17:22-31      Pew Bible p.902

John 14:15-21      Pew Bible p.877

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "How Firm a Foundation" #407 vv.1-3 only  
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
By God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
Delivering you from your deepest distress.**

#### **RESPONDING**

*We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Morning Has Broken"                      Setting by David Christiansen  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" *The Hymnal* #15)

**Praise God, the Giver and the Gift,  
Hearts, minds and voices now uplift, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the breath of glad surprise, Freeing, uplifting, opening eyes.  
Three-In-Oneness, Love Communing, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Every Dwelling" #59  
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**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realm of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight.  
Holy Spirit, ever raising earth-bound souls to glory high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;  
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry—  
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, every binding age to age and soul to soul,  
In community unending you we worship and extol.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    Toccata on "St. Anne"                      Gordon Young

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Worship Endnotes:

1. Adapted from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com).

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### **Hope United Church of Christ Statement of Welcome and Mission**

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited to enter the big red doors of Hope United Church of Christ. We are an open congregation. We believe that every person is a child of God and all are welcome, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender, gender identity(ies) / expression(s), sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history. It is our mission, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, to engage persons in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please come, for all things are ready.

*Adopted by Hope UCC Congregation August 29, 2010*