



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Voluntary in A" William Selby

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: We gather in the presence of God

All: And we do not gather alone.

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

All: We gather to worship our gracious God.

One: With Abraham and Sarah

All: We gather to worship our guiding God.

One: With the saints of every age

All: We gather to worship our eternal God.

One: We embark on our own journey of faith

All: And we do not journey alone.

*GATHERING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” #24 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**The God of Abraham praise, all praises to God’s name,
Who was and is and is to be, fore’er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!**

**God’s spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet’s word; that word speaks still.
Established is God’s law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written on the human heart, in every land.**

**God has eternal life implanted in the soul;
God’s love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,
Who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same!**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Holy God, you call us again and again to leave our comfort zones and follow where you lead.
We resist out of uncertainty and fear because the outcome seems uncertain.
Help us to hear your voice still speaking, help us to see you at work in the world.
Grant us courage to have faith and boldness to serve. (*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.
Hear the good news: Through Christ, we are forgiven and made new!
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The God of Abraham Praise” v.4

**The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God’s name,
Who was and is and is to be, fore’er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN: TEACHER APPRECIATION

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Pew Bible pp.8-9

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

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "To Abraham and Sarah" #51 *Glory To God Hymnal*

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William B. Bradbury; Arr. David Paxton
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* DOXOLOGY #781 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God!

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. You made us in your image, and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with the faithful of every time and place:

Holy, holy, holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son and our risen Savior. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may be united with the living Christ and with all his people. Accept this our sacrifice of praise as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen:

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS *(All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Communion! Elements will be served by ushers, and you are invited to hold the elements until we commune together. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine. Wrapped gluten-free wafers are available on each bread tray.)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

***COMMISSIONING HYMN: "I Come with Joy" #349 New Century Hymnal**
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**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.**

**And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
that Christ is risen here.**

**Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,
And live the way we pray.**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

SENDING

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

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from www.re-worshipb.logspot.com
- (2) Adapted from www.reformedworship.org

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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

Congratulations, 2026 Graduates!

Nathan Goodman, grandson of Ron and Gail Geisel, is graduating from Marissa, IL High School.

Jack Lodes, grandson of Randee Lodes and Ric Diesel, is graduating from Marvin Ridge High School in Waxhaw, North Carolina and will attend Samford University in Birmingham, AL.

Danny Mees is graduating 8th grade from Lafayette Preparatory Academy.

Jessica Meyers is graduating with a Masters in Sustainable Development from KU, Leuven, Belgium.

Henry Weas, great nephew of Alice and David Galt, is graduating from Miami University in Oxford, OH.

Matilda Wentzien is graduating from University of Kansas, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, concentration in environmental engineering, and a minor in business.

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