



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" Arr. Diane Bish

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we come before you, omnipresent God, to ask that your Holy Spirit dwell among us on this 21st Sunday after Pentecost.

All: Thank you, God, for the many gifts of blessings we have and still receive daily.

One: May your ways be known to all the peoples and nations, O God,
always to glorify your name and existence.

All: Praise thy name, O God, praise thy name.

One: With your Majesty and Glory known to your people, may we humbly and meekly realize
that you are our rock and redeemer.

All: Praise thy name, O God, praise thy name.

One: Let us go forth in thy praise, O God, for all the peoples and nations to hear and see.

All: Praise thy name, O God, praise thy name.

*GATHERING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" #419 *New Century Hymnal* vv. 1-2
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us today to reflect on our lives with so much going on,

Often, we neglect to take the time to pray with you in quietness

God, you call us to remember that your Holy Spirit is our constant strength

Often, we walk in pride, thinking we can control all around us

God, you call us to take time to rest and refuel our bodies with your spiritual joy

Often, we think that slowing down will leave us behind in the rat race of life

Oh God, we ask for your forgiveness, that you would help us realize you are our rest, our peace, our joy, and our Love in this world. (*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this Good News: God's love is beyond measure, and you are included in it.

Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "Now Thank We All Our God" v.3

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,

To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,

The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us through the proclaimed Word.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 67: 1-7 Pew Bible p.460

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

SERMON

David Moss

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: “Amazing Grace” #547 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’d first begun.**

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 "All Praise to Thee" Paul Manz
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE “We Give You But Your Own” #785 *New Century Hymnal*
**We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

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

COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #76 *New Century Hymnal
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended,
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in D Minor" Charles John Stanley

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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