

HOPE



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A Caring Community with a Progressive Tradition



An Eastern Sunset in Morocco
(Photo courtesy of Karen and Jock Wilcox)

Hope Church UCC
March 16, 2025 @ 10:30 AM

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Hope Worship Service Second Sunday in Lent

“Life After Doom” Week 1:

“Welcom to Reality” - “Mind Your Mind”

We are grateful that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we extend an extra warm welcome to you and hope you will relax and enjoy worship! Come forward at any time during the service to light a prayer [votive] candle on the communion table. **Joys & Concerns are broadcast online so please use discretion when sharing prayer concerns.** Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for coffee hour following worship today!

PRELUDE 1

“Herr, Wie Du Willst”

Strassburg, 1525

Setting by Jonathan Kohrs

PRELUDE 2

“Join We All With One Accord”

John Horn, Arr. James D. Kimball

Door County Bell Ringers

***WELCOME & GREETING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SENTENCES & WORDS OF AWARENESS**

In hope, in longing

We're glad to come together.

In trust, in community

We're glad to come together.

In many moods, in many shapes and sizes

We're glad to come together in this Lenten season.

Remind us, O Spirit, that life is worth living.

Remind us, O Creator, that the struggle for justice is worth undertaking.

Remind us, O Mercy, that love and action are one.

May it be so. Amen.

~Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer & J. & B. Hesle. *Worship in the Spirit of Jesus.*

Theology, Liturgy, and Songs Without Violence. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2005.

***OPENING HYMN**

VU 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights," V 1-4

FIRST READING

Luke 4:1-13 (*The Voice*, adapted for gender inclusivity)

⁴ When Jesus returned from the Jordan River, He was full of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit led Him away *from the cities and towns* and out into the desert.

² For 40 days, the Spirit led Him from place to place in the desert, and while there, the devil tempted Jesus. Jesus was fasting, eating nothing during this time, and at the end, He was terribly hungry. ³ At that point, the devil came to Him.

Devil: Since You're the Son of God, You don't need to be hungry. Just tell this stone to transform itself into bread.

Jesus: ⁴ It is written *in the Hebrew Scriptures*, "People need more than bread to live."

⁵ Then the devil gave Jesus a vision. It was as if He traveled around the world in an instant and saw all the kingdoms of the world at once.

Devil: ⁶ All these kingdoms, all their glory, I'll give to You. They're mine to give because this whole world has been handed over to me. ⁷ If You just worship me, then everything You see will all be Yours. All Yours!

Jesus: ⁸ [Get out of My face, Satan!] The Hebrew Scriptures say, "Worship and serve the Eternal One your God—only God—and nobody else."

⁹ Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, and he transported Jesus to stand upon the pinnacle of the temple.

Devil: Since You're the Son of God, just jump. Just throw Yourself into the air. ¹⁰ You keep quoting *the Hebrew Scriptures*. They themselves say,

God will put heavenly messengers in charge of You,
to keep You safe in every way.

¹¹ And,

They will hold You up in their hands
so that You do not smash Your foot against a stone.

Jesus: ¹² Yes, *but the Hebrew Scriptures* also say, "You will not presume on God; you will not test the Lord, the one True God."

¹³ The devil had no more temptations to offer *that day*, so he left Jesus, preparing to return at some other opportune time.

CHILDREN'S TIME

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Go now in peace, Go now in peace.

May the Spirit of Love surround you

Everywhere, you may go...you may go.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Son of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear"
Peter Ritter Arr. James D. Kimball
Door County Bell Ringers

ADDITIONAL READINGS

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced. —James Baldwin

How much of this truth can I bear to see and still live unblinded? How much of this pain can I use? —Audre Lorde

Contemplation is meeting all the reality I can bear. —Richard Rohr

THE MESSAGE

"Welcome to Reality!"/"Mind Your Mind"

HYMN

VU 672 "Take Time to Be Holy," Verses 1-3

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer and in your own language, as appropriate.

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Music

"Jesus Love Me"

William B. Bradbury Arr. James D. Kimball

Door County Bell Ringers

***Praise Response**

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose daystar shines for us on high,
Whose spirit brings into our sight
The hope which to our world draws nigh.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace, from all the varied places where we derive our
livings, we offer our gifts.

May they become part of the fruits of hope and healing, peace and
patience, which you give to others throughout the world.

Amen.

(c) Thom M. Shuman, adapted

***CLOSING HYMN**

VU 215 *"Hope of the World,"* V 1-4

***ALLELUIA**

We join our hearts, hands, & voices to sing an 8-fold Alleluia response

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"How Majestic"

Michael W. Smith

Setting by: Jeffrey Blerch

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO:

Greg Bauman, Gale Whitson-Schmidt, and Patsy Vollrath - Liturgists

Greg Bauman - Trustee

Ann Jenkins - Nursery Attendant

Jeanne Harris and Deb Sherwood – Deacons

Sandy Brown – Slide Presenter

Jean Sully and Kathy Bandstra – Coffee Hour

Mary Ames, Nan Anschutz, Suzanne Holvenstot, and Ricki Mitchell – Bell Ringers

The Board of Deacons wishes to thank Eric & Patsy Vollrath for the purchase and donation of chair racks that now hold the folding chairs used for overflow at special services and events.



Our worship services are shared live on Vimeo and are available for viewing on the Internet. If you do not want your image shown, sit in the rear of the sanctuary or immediately beneath the camera. If you want to view what is shown, <https://vimeo.com/event/4958968>

This sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop technology. If your hearing aid has the T-coil feature, activate the T-coil and your hearing aid becomes a personal receiver, part of the sound system of the church. If you have trouble hearing our speakers, but don't have hearing aids or they're being repaired, you may hear better with Loop headphones. Ask a deacon about them or find them in the basket by the Loop sign.



Resources are available to help occupy young children attending Sunday services. Children's books and jigsaw puzzles are available on the small bookcase at the far north wall of the sanctuary. Books, crayons, and coloring sheets are in the "Hope for Kids" busy bags on the stand in the narthex.

Our Hope nursery is available for children aged five and under. The screening process for attendants includes a background check and Safe Conduct training.

Pastor: Rev. Carol Reynolds
Moderator: Bob Moellenberndt
Choir Director: Mary Hall
Organist/Accompanist: Cheryl Pfister
AV Manager: Beth Mitchell
Office Manager: Brenda Curtis



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Hope United Church of Christ

Hope Church Mission Statement

People come together at Hope Church for the following purposes:

- To worship God.
- To promote personal and spiritual growth.
- To develop a religious community which encourages tolerance and openness of thought and accepts diversity of thought and action.
- To search for meaning in life, and for understanding of ourselves through the teachings of Jesus and other great teachers.
- To understand how all things are related to each other, and to learn how we may best serve our local community and our world community.
- To celebrate with joy, the richness of ourselves and our religious community.

Events Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Activity/Meeting
Sunday	March 16	10:30 AM	Worship
			Faith Formation
Tuesday	March 18	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	March 19	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	March 20	9:00 AM	Romeos
		4:30 PM	Mental Health Committee
Friday	March 21	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	March 22	2:00 PM	Coffee w/Carol @ 5&J
Sunday	March 23	10:30 AM	Worship with Guest Preacher
			Rev Andrew Warner
			Faith Formation
		11:30 AM	Brunch and Legacy Giving Presentation
Monday	March 24	10:00 AM	Write on DC Memoir Monday
Tuesday	March 25	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	March 26	4:00 PM	Pastoral Support Committee
		5:45 PM	Music Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	March 27	9:00 AM	Romeos Breakfast
Friday	March 28	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
		11:30 AM	Juliets Lunch @ Pinecrest Village
Saturday	March 29	2:00 PM	Coffee w/Carol @ 5&J
Sunday	March 30	10:30 AM	Worship (One Great Hour of Sharing)
Tuesday	April 1	7:30 AM	Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday	April 2	2:00PM	Aging Discussion Group
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	April 3	9:00 AM	Romeos
Friday	April 4	10:30 AM	Meditation in the Sanctuary
Saturday	April 5	2:00 PM	Coffee w/Carol @ 5&J
Sunday	April 6	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion
			Faith Formation

Please contact the church office to report calendar corrections, additions, or changes.

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES, please call or text Pastor Carol at 508-282-9511 or to schedule an appointment. Her office hours are Wed. – Thu, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Prayer List

Jana Mitchell	Yvonne Siira & Family
Anna	The Bender Family
Char Shinktgen	Brenda Veldboom
Karen Ebbeson	Adrian "Ade" Webber
Janice McMahon	David Menke
Anna Herdina	Gary Edler
George Weis	Pat Ehlers
Mark Dallner	Adam H
Amelia B	Bev Lisle
Vivian G	Peter
Sasha H	Dave L
Baby William	June S
Lucy R	Clara F
Marsie H	Lael C
Debbie N	Guy (Brother of Geri Lynn)
Chandler S	Debbie C
Kim H	Kathy F (Sister of Chuck S)
Shawn M	Carol (Friend of Sharon)
Sarah W (Sister of Allison)	Chris (Friend of June K)
Ann (Cousin of Ricki)	Ron M
Imelda D	Jane F (D.I.L. of Penny)
Nikki P (Friend of Ricki)	Dave W (Friend of Kathy W)
Kayce F (Friend of Ricki)	

Everyone in our nation who is frightened and/or grieving

Incarcerated persons

LGBTQ+ youth & adults everywhere

Victims and survivors of gun violence

L.E.A.F. Families

People who are missing or in harm's way

The people of and from Congo, Ukraine, and Gaza

Federal Workers

...And especially the family and friends of

Linda (Mother of Scott Hansen), Thelma Walker, Fern Morrison (Sister of Jim Ebbeson)

Bill Skadden, Miriam Erickson, Gage, Alison G, Linda Schlag (Cousin of Cari)

Paul H (Brother of Marsie), Joan Gancarcik (Sister of June), Tim McCoy (Father of Jessika)

Jan Evers, Jendean Olson (Mother of Angela), Lillian Zwicky (Mother of Ann Jenkins)

John Mitchell (Brother of Joe), Bob Berkley (Father of Kent)

Thomas Foster (Father of Tom)

Please make a note on your attendance card or contact the church office to update the prayer list.