

ISLE OF HOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY
BY UNITING IN PURPOSE AND SERVING IN LOVE

OCTOBER 25, 2026

OUR PURPOSE: TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

A Word of Welcome

We are glad you are here! Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, we pray this time of worship draws you closer to God.

Please note our worship locations: we gather in the Sanctuary on the first, third, and fifth Sundays, and in the Ministry Center on the second and fourth Sundays. No matter the space, the Spirit meets us there!

Welcome to Isle of Hope United Methodist Church!

About the Call to Worship

Today's Call to Worship, 'Come, Let Us Gather Now to Sing,' comes from the 'Songs for Life' hymnal. It features members of our Growing in Grace II choir accompanying the song on our newly acquired Orff xylophones and metallophones, which are making their worship debut today! Named for composer and music educator Carl Orff, these instruments are designed to help children learn music through singing, movement, and hands-on music-making. Xylophones have wooden bars that produce a warm, resonant sound, while metallophones have metal bars that create a bright, sustained tone. We're delighted to introduce these wonderful new instruments as our children help lead us in worship!

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Kathy Smith, piano

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

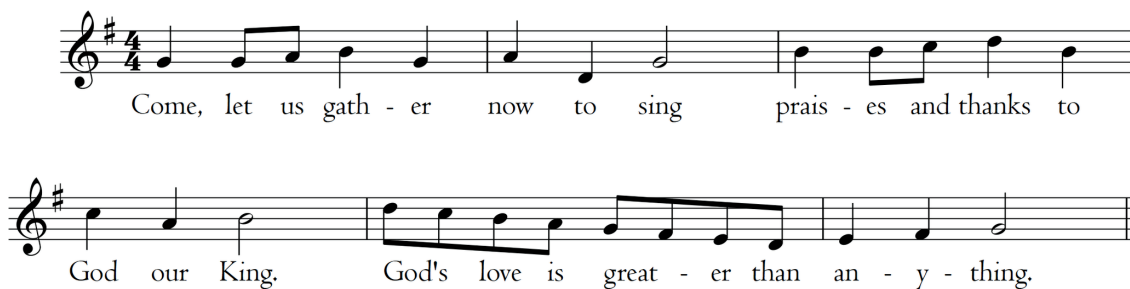
Arr. by Larry Shackley

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jared Wilson

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Let Us Gather Now to Sing



+THE OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Wilson

God of grace and goodness,
you have called us together, not simply to occupy the same space,
but to share in the same hope.

You have given us different gifts, different experiences, and different
voices, yet you are forming us into one community of faith.

As we worship today, encourage us through one another.
Challenge us to grow in love. Stir our hearts toward the good work
you have placed before us.

And wherever life may lead us, may we never forget that you are
worthy of our praise.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us together, we pray. Amen.

+THE OPENING SONG

Praise You Anywhere

Brandon Lake

+THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Alden Fowkes

We believe in God, who created us for community
and calls us to grow together.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomes us in love,
strengthens us in grace, and teaches us to serve one another.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who unites us in faith,
encourages us in hope, and stirs us to love and good works.

We believe that the church is more than a gathering of individuals.
We are the body of Christ, called to build one another up,
to bear one another's burdens, and to share God's love
with the world.

We are in this together. Thanks be to God! Amen.

+THE GLORIA PATRI

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

+THE GREETING

Alden Fowkes

THE ANTHEM

Growing in Grace II
Jan Davenport, piano

In Your Love, Rejoice!
Allison Blumenthal

About the Affirmation of Faith

An Affirmation of Faith is a shared declaration of what we believe as followers of Jesus Christ. Rooted in the ancient tradition of the Christian creeds, affirmations remind us that faith is not simply an individual journey, but something we profess and live out together. While some affirmations use historic texts such as the Apostles' Creed, others draw upon Scripture and reflect the particular themes of worship. As we speak these words together, we celebrate the faith that unites us and renew our commitment to live as the body of Christ in the world.

About the Gloria Patri

The Gloria Patri (Latin for 'Glory to the Father') is a brief hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Also known as the 'Lesser Doxology,' it has been part of Christian worship for more than 1,500 years and is often sung in response to prayers, psalms, or affirmations of faith. Today, we sing a contemporary musical setting from the 'Glory to God' hymnal, joining generations of Christians who have lifted these timeless words of praise.

About Growing in Grace II

Growing in Grace II is our choir for children in grades 1–5. Growing in Grace II offers opportunities to grow in faith, develop musical skills, and discover the joy of leading worship. Through singing, movement, and instrumental music-making, children learn that their voices and gifts are an important part of the church's worshiping life. Today, we celebrate their leadership as they remind us that we are never too young or too old to share God's love through music!

About the Anthem

Bursting with energy and joyful praise, Keith Hampton's 'Praise His Holy Name' draws upon the rich traditions of African-American gospel music and spirituals. With its driving rhythms, spirited harmonies, and repeated declarations of praise, the anthem invites us to celebrate God's goodness with our whole hearts. Hampton, an accomplished composer, conductor, and church musician, is known for music that combines the expressive power of the gospel tradition with the artistry of choral singing. Today, the Isle of Hope Choir reminds us that praise is not simply something we offer individually, but something we share as a community of faith.

GOD SPEAKS GOD'S WORD TO US

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

Dr. Frank Parr

THE ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name
Keith Hampton

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Josh Roberts

Hebrews 10:23-25

**This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Josh Roberts

We Are In This Together

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Love Like This
Lauren Daigle

As we respond to Christ's call to follow, all are welcome to come to the kneelers at the front and participate in this time of prayer and reflection as we offer ourselves anew to God's work in the world together.

If your family has not yet submitted a 2027 Commitment Card, you are invited to do so at the kneelers during this time. Cards can also be placed in one of the black boxes by the doorways.

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meg Procopio

PRAYER FOR THE GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Rev. Roberts

Melissa Adler
Alden Fowkes
Connor Fowkes
Sara Fullerton
Ashley Lewis
Johanna Parr

Boo Padgett
Frank Procopio
Meg Procopio
George Shields
Kathy Shields
Joy Thompson

Gracious God,
we give you thanks for these who have answered your call to love and serve.

As they travel to Guatemala, surround them with your protection and fill them with compassion.

Open their hearts to new friendships, shared experiences, and the discovery of your presence in those they meet.

Unite us with them in prayer and purpose, that together we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

+THE CLOSING SONG

Build Your Church
Maverick City

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Roberts

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you
in the body of Christ,
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant to faithfully
participate in the ministries of the church,
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,
and our witness, that in everything, God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.

+THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Roberts

*Congratulations to Ashley & Harrison Hughes on the birth of their
daughter, Poppy Ann, born on October 11.*

*Sympathies to Terry Brettschneider and family on the death of her father,
Glenn Faile of Rock Hill, South Carolina, who died on October 18.*

About the Closing Song

A powerful contemporary worship anthem, 'Build Your Church' celebrates Christ as the foundation of the church and the Holy Spirit as the source of its strength and unity. Recorded by Elevation Worship and Maverick City Music, the song reminds us that the church is a living community of believers called to share God's love and carry forward Christ's mission. As we conclude today's worship, we sing with confidence that God is still building the church through each of us. You'll also hear this song tonight at 5:00pm in the Ministry Center, as part of our 'All Things New' Worship Night with the Anchor Band and Student Ministry Creative Collective Team!

Acolytes:

Emerson Craddock & Elizabeth Roberts

HOPE NOTES



Count Me In!

Last week was Commitment Sunday, and we hope you've been able to prayerfully consider how you can say, "Count ME In!" as we make plans for 2027.

If you haven't yet completed your Commitment Card, you (& your child(ren)) can do so in the service today, in person in the coming weeks, or confidentially online at iohumc.com.

"And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to him and said to them, 'Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had to live on.'" Mark 12:42-44

What if we all took **one step up** in our giving? What if we had the faith and obedience of the widow? What if we freely give, and then leave the rest up to God.

Will you say, 'Count Me In!' for 2027?



UWIF Thanksgiving Project

Help us provide Thanksgiving dinner for our neighbors, assisted through Wesley Community Center. Thank you to those who have already taken a bag! They are still **available in the hallways TODAY**.

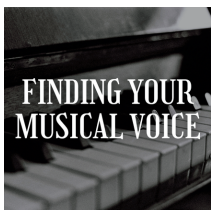
Simply follow the instructions to fill the bag and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 11. This is a great opportunity for children to be part of cultivating community and making a difference! Thank you!



'All Things New' Worship Night

TONIGHT at 5:00 PM |
Ministry Center

Our Student Ministry Creative Collective Team has a gift for the whole church and community! Join us for All Things New, an evening of music, prayer, Scripture, and creative worship centered on God's renewing love and the promise that Christ makes all things new. Come ready to worship, reflect, and experience the hope of God's love in a fresh and meaningful way. See you tonight!



Finding Your Musical Voice

Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 4:00 PM | Green House Room 211

Have you ever wished you could better understand the music you hear and sing? Designed for beginners and curious learners of all ages, this four-week course introduces participants to the building blocks of music through listening, rhythm, notation, singing, and creative musical exploration. Whether you're a longtime music lover, a choir member seeking greater confidence, or someone who has always wanted to learn more about music, this course provides a welcoming and supportive introduction to musical literacy and creativity. Register online today at iohumc.com!



Confirmation 2027: In the Making

Today is Confirmation Kick-off at 10:30 AM in Green House Room 211! Our 8th graders have now met their mentors and are ready to embark on their Confirmation journeys.

If you missed Parent Orientation last Sunday, or Friday's event to meet your mentor, please contact Alden Fowkes immediately so you don't miss out on a great year of retreats and special events to grow in faith and build relationships together!

Annual Charge Conference & Church Council Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 AM | Ministry Center

IOHUMC will have it's annual Charge Conference on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30am. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan will chair this meeting for the church to vote on 2027 leadership and clergy salaries. Anyone in our congregation is welcome to attend. However, only members of our Church Council are allowed to vote.

We are also asking our Church Council members to stay after the Charge Conference for a Church Council meeting starting at noon. Lunch will be provided.



Outdoor Family Movie Night

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5:00 PM |
Cornus Cottage Lawn

IOHUMC Children's Ministries invites you and your family to watch Toy Story 4 on the Cornus Cottage Lawn!

We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, and dessert, and we just ask that you bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. For extra fun, dress up as your favorite Toy Story character (or bring a Toy Story stuffie)! This event will be outdoors, so please plan accordingly.

Please let us know you're coming by registering online so we have enough food for everyone. This event is free of charge, but monetary donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Beth Parr at bparr@iohumc.com or 912-663-7466.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25, 2026

9:15 AM - Worship Service
10:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Student Breakfast
10:30 AM - High School Girls Small Group
10:30 AM - Confirmation
11:30 AM - Worship Committee Meeting
5:00 PM - All Things New Worship Night

Monday, October 26, 2026

11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
11:00 AM - Rummikub
4:00 PM - Yoga

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

10:00 AM - Care Partners Support Group
10:00 AM - Hope Arbor
10:00 AM - How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth
Book Study
12:00 PM - Ladies' Chorus Performance

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

10:00 AM - Hope Arbor
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
1:00 PM - Mahjongg for Fun
5:15 PM - Stephen Ministry
5:30 PM - Prayer Meeting
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29, 2026

8:30 AM - Small Group for Moms
10:00 AM - Sassy Sowers
10:00 AM - Hope Arbor
6:30 PM - Anchor Band Rehearsal

Friday, October 30, 2026

All Day - Church Office Closed
10:00 AM - Men's Prayer Group
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels

CONNECT WITH US

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today. Scan the QR code to let us know you're here, tell us more about yourself, learn about our upcoming events, and give online.



WAYS TO GIVE

Giving is an essential part of worship—an act of love that shapes our hearts as much as it supports the work God is doing. Here are ways you can support His work through IOHUMC:

- **Mobile:** Text "GIVE" to 855-712-6960
- **Online:** Scan the QR code above
- **In-Person:** On Sunday mornings, place your gift in the plate that is passed or in one of the designated boxes

You can also give through the mail, online with recurring transactions, with Required IRA Distributions, and by giving stock. Visit iohumc.com or contact Marla Grady at mgrady@iohumc.com for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for adults, youth, and children at 10:30 AM every Sunday. Sunday School is a time of Bible study and fellowship for all ages, and acts as a community group for adults. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Seekers
SALT
New Horizons
Good News
Sisters of Strength

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School
Student Ministries Breakfast Club
HS Girls Small Group



To help extend our worshipping community, our services are livestreamed and recorded; those present may appear in the video.

Pastoral Care Response*

Rev. Josh Roberts - 770-891-2578
Rev. Meg Procopio - 912-663-5512
Rev. Jared Wilson - 931-624-1418

*If you are in need of a pastor due to hospitalization, death in the family, or other emergency.

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