Hope United Methodist Church

November 1, 2026

Witness

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: For All the Saints (UMH 711, vv. 1-4)
Prayer Hymn: Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)
Choir Anthem: Find Us Faithful
Closing Hymn: Ask Ye What Great Thing (UMH 163)

Prayer Concerns:
Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Betty, Andrea, Steve, Dana, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Katie, Linda, Richard, Julio, Jim, Jacob, Patrick, Kristen, Aiden
Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Betty, Diane

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
Prelude
Centering Words
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
Prayer of Illumination
Psalm Reading
Choral Anthem
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Remembering Our Saints
Holy Communion
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Dismissal with Blessing*

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Serving Today

Greeters: Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: RJ Heady
Children's Message: Pastor Jim
Liturgist: Pat Mosley
Communion Servers: Nancy Craig, Sue Craig, Pat Mosley
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Chancel Choir

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Anna Frankland
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Bellamy Avina
Children's Message: Carrie Ward
Liturgist: Marcos Pontes
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Marcos Pontes & David Bieschke

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 1
Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs
LSA @ 1:00pm, Hope UMC, various rooms

Monday, November 2
Dart Ball @ 11:30am, Basement
UWF & Mary Circle @ 11:00am, Library
Operations @ 5:00pm, Library

Tuesday, November 3
Voting Elections @ 6:00am, Community Center
Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, November 4
Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Communications @ 4:30pm, Library
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library
LWV of Calumet Area @ 5:30pm, Children Sunday School Room

Thursday, November 5
Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library
SPRC @ 5:00pm, Library

Sunday, November 8
Worship & Ministry Fair @ 10:15 am
Youth Group @ 11: 30am, Downstairs

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Announcements and Community News

November Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC – Wreaths Across America – a non-profit organization with the mission to: Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with us. More information at https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Poinsettias — We would like to have poinsettias beautify the church again this Christmas. If you would like to order a flower, please complete the form in your bulletin, and place it along with your payment in an envelope by mail or the church office by **Sunday, November 22**. **Cost is $15 per plant**. Make checks payable to Hope United Methodist Church.

Ministry Fair – Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, November 8**, for worship in the sanctuary, followed by fellowship and our Ministry Fair in the Community Center. Come worship, connect with others, and discover the many ways to get involved in Hope UMC's church ministries. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanksgiving Dinner — Hope UMC Church Thanksgiving Dinner is **Sunday, November 22**, **at 12:00 noon**. There will be lots of delicious food, as everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP by November 12**. We are also asking for donations of Turkeys. We look forward to us all gathering for this wonderful time of sharing a meal and fellowship! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSVP and volunteer opportunities.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – On **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm**, Hope UMC will be hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service with Christ Lutheran Church, Dyer and Griffith UMC, Christ & 5th Avenue UMC, FUEL, Hyde Park UMC, Centennial and Ridge UMC. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful time of worship, gratitude, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving!

Hanging of the Greens - Join us on **Saturday, November 28**, as we decorate the church for the Advent season in preparation for the coming of Christ. All volunteers are welcome! We appreciate your help in making our church beautiful for this special season. *More details coming soon!*

The altar flowers in worship are in memory of **Prudi Leslie**, given by the Leslie Family, and in memory of **Dick & Anne Ferguson**, given by Pam Wendell.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words
Think about the people in your life who have shaped you spiritually. Who has been an example in the faith for you?

Call to Worship
Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** – For All the Saints (UMH 711, vv. 1-4)

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Memory Verse: We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Prayer Hymn - Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Give thanks!

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Prayer Response – Hear Us, O God

Prayer of Illumination

God, your word reveals to us that your love claims us as your children: invites us to life:
calls us to love all people: redeems us and makes us whole: and unites us with the cloud of saints.
Thank you, God, for this marvelous gift!

A Psalm Reading – Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 *(Responsive)*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!
People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the West, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;
People: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Leader: Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress,
People: And led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell.

Leader: The Lord turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,
People: A fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

Leader: The Lord turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.
People The Lord lets the hungry dwell there, and they establish a city in which to live; They sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

Choral Anthem – Find Us Faithful

Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Sermon – "Witness"

Remembering our Saints

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On this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we proclaim:

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We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before.

Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.

Holy Communion

… By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

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Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

*__Closing Hymn__ – Ask Ye What Great Thing (UMH 163)

1 Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so? What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

2 Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its hidden smart? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3 Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who will place me on his right, with the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

4 This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude