

Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Melodies* arr. Adam O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hans Leo Hassler

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Christ of the comfortable, you would call us from our security and sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart:

with trust, we would place our hands in yours and follow.

Companion of our sleepless nights, you would beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along:

with humility, we would listen to those answers we do not expect or even understand.

Word which creates out of nothingness, you would fill us with life where we see only emptiness, you would keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground:

we would let your grace transform us into faithful disciples. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 720** *Jesus Calla Us* Galilee

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

You, O God, are the Source of Truth, and we confess that sometimes we see the value in a little white lie. Just a bit of strategic bending of facts, crossing our fingers as we give the answer expected of us. And we admit that those have built up more than we can actually handle, and now we find that we are no longer the people we thought we were.

Show us the truth of ourselves, and show us the wrong turns we have taken when we thought the ends justified the means. And when we have recognized, forgive us and return us to our truest identity in your image, return us to your way, that we may indeed follow you and give our lives to your kingdom alone. We ask in the name of Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us...

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder – A Time for Children

Scripture Lessons John 18:12-27 NT, p. 112

Sermon Have Mercy Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 684** *Faith Begins by Letting Go* Lux Prima

Ordination and Installation of Session Member Travis Williams

Statement on Vocation

Constitutional Questions

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce those things that separate you from the love of God?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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.

Welcome and Change

***Hymn 725** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Nyland

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hamburg

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Bill and Christie Ashton**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Bill, Christie and their Family. asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for March is Angie Wester. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-426-9564**.

What's Happening at Hope?

Congregational Meeting: There will be a called congregational meeting on today, immediately following worship in order to suspend the rules and extend the Session term of Angie Wester for one year. Please plan to stay for a few minutes following worship for this important meeting.

Stations of the Cross Walk: On Good Friday, April 3, from noon until 1 p.m. we will participate in the annual Stations of the Cross Walk on the Aldridge Creek Greenway between the Mt. Gap Rd. and Hobbs Rd. access points. We are responsible for four stations. If you are able and willing to volunteer to represent one of those stations (there's a script, and it's not long!), please contact the church office (office@hopehuntsville.org or 256-881-4673) by Thursday, March 26. Thank you for your participation in this significant community event.

Worship Leader this week: Travi Loveman

Worship Leader next week: Ramona Perkins

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An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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Prayer Concerns

Members:

Holly Lowe
Luanne Biles
Traci Loveman
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Friends:

Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)
Barbara Dennis
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)
Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)

Family:

Kelly Waldron (Christie Ashton)
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

Those serving in our military

Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

Church Calendar at a Glance

March 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
March 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

Our Mission Statement

Called by God's grace, we celebrate life with Hope by creating a loving Christian community, serving and worshipping God, and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We provide an open environment to explore God's will, to grow in commitment to Christ, and to be a refuge of healing.

A Community of Hope