

Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* arr. Stuart Hine

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Come and see what love has done.

Come and see the Lord.

Come and know what love has done.

Come and know the Lord.

Come and share what love has done.

Come and share the good news:

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn 242** *Day of Delight* In Dir Ist Freude

Litany for Easter (Responsive)

When it doesn't seem to do any good, Creator God,

we dare to be your people,

to love those the world would have us reject;

to be just in the face of every reason to mistreat;

to be unafraid of whatever awaits us.

When all the odds seem stacked against us, Jesus our Savior,

we dare to live as your siblings, your family,

serving others with our hands and hearts;

sharing in the burdens of our world;

refusing to leave justice orphaned with no hope.

When the wind seems to be knocked out of us by the blows of life, Eternal

Companion,

we dare to breathe

joy upon those caught in the net of hopelessness;

peace into all the broken places around us;

wonder for all those who have lost sight of you.

In you, we dare to live and breathe and be, O God.

and to love. Amen

***Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart**

Scripture Lesson Acts 9:1-19a

Sermon Eye to Eye Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* Promise

***Affirmation of Faith** (Responsive)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

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.

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

***Charge & Benediction**

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***Postlude** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. O'Boyle

What's Happening at Hope?

Save the Date: On Wednesday, May 13 at 5 p.m. our Playschool will present their end of year program followed by our annual cook-out at 5:30 p.m. We hope you will plan to join us as we support and celebrate another successful year of our Playschool ministry and enjoy fellowship with one another and our students and their families. This is always a fun time and we look forward to seeing you there!

Church Calendar at a Glance

April 19	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
April 26	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

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Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Hiroko Hunnicut**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Hiroko and her family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

Worship Leader for today: Abigail Ashton

Worship Leader Next Sunday: Brenda Brazier

The Elder on Call for April is Susan Terry She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-975-9847**.

Prayer Concerns

Members:

Traci Loveman
Holly Lowe
Luanne Biles
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Family:

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

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)
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)
Mary Neikirk (Angie Toles)

Those serving in our military.

Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

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.