Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Medley* arr. O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)
In the morning and the evening,
we call out to our God who saves.
Throughout the day,
we seek the God who promised to be with us.
Even when we don't hear an answer,
we keep looking for God to turn toward us. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 791** *For You, My God, I Wait* Springtime

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)
Faithful God, you promised steadfast love, you promised you would be with us always, and yet sometimes we feel so far from you. We pray and pray, and it seems like you aren't listening. We don't know how to have the level of honesty with you where we fully say exactly what we're thinking and feeling. We get desperate and assume we have to figure our own way out of it. We feel alone and rather than pushing our way to you; we pull back and just get on with it ourselves, convincing ourselves we don't need you instead.
Forgive us when we don't trust your love enough to handle our fear or anger. Forgive us when our response to trouble is to pull away from you. Forgive us when we blame you for the bad and then give up on relationship with you. Turn your face toward us again, O God, and bring us back into life with you. We ask in the name of the One who reached across the chasm to bring life out of death, Jesus the Christ…

(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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

Scripture Lesson Psalm 88:1-18 OT, p. 545

Sermon Disputing God: Help! Rev. Traci Loveman

***Hymn 797** *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* Ye Banks & Braes

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 800** *Sometimes a Light Suprises* Salley Gardens

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Ignaz Franz

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are comfortable doing so.

Worship Leader This Week: Susan Terry
Worship Leader Next Week: Bill Ashton

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What's Happening at Hope?

Sermon Series: Pastor Christie is currently preaching a sermon series on "Disputing God" exploring Bible stories where humans challenge God, protest judgment, appeal for mercy, or accuse God of wrongdoing. Join us as we learn what these stories teach us about humanity, life, and the nature of God.

Help Needed: We have some facility and grounds work that we need volunteers for: weeding the front flower bed and the garden outside the pastor's office, edging the grass around the prayer labyrinth, and calking the trim in Pastor Christie's office. The grounds work can be done on your own schedule and in part; please contact Pastor Christie if you can help with caulk. If you are volunteering and will need access to the building outside of office hours, please let us know..

Church Calendar at a Glance

July 12	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
July 19	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

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

Prayer Concerns

Members:
Debbie Adsit
Traci Loveman
Holly Lowe
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Family:
Richard Davis (Christie Ashton)
Jimmy Marshall (Peter Loveman)
Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton)
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

Friends:
Dan Hahs
The family of Carolyn Fogelman (Dan Hahs)
Tracy Fletcher
Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
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.

Prayer Family of the Week:
Our prayer family of the week is **Bob and Candy Lord.** This week we ask the congregation to remember Bob, Candy,, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.