

Order of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Hymn Medley

arr. O’Boyle

Welcome

Prelude

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Westendorf/arr. Kreutz

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We come to this place of worship, to encounter the One who has called us here.

This Holy One - our God is with us in every moment.

God is in our celebrations and joys, God is in our darkest nights of loneliness.

This Holy God - our God blesses us and calls us by name.

As night fades before the coming light, we meet the One who saves us - even from ourselves.

This God - our Holy God touches us with the Spirit of hope. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 810

When in the Night I Meditate

St. Flavian

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

In truth, God of silence and patience, you have the power to help and heal, yet we cling to our own provisions. You are able to raise us up to new life, yet we fail to trust what you can do. Our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheer silence singing your shalom to us.

Have mercy on us, God of grace. Change our hearts and lives; challenge us to expect great things from your mighty acts of mercy. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine...

(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

Job 14:7-15, 19:23-27

OT, p. 463, 468

Sermon

Keep Calm and Carry On

Rev. Traci Loveman

*Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

*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 846

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

The Church’s One Foundation

Stone/arr. Wesley

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

Worship Leader This Week: Brenda Brazier

Worship Leader Next Week: LaDonna Bowers



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What’s Happening at Hope?

Sermon Series:

Pastor Christie is preaching on the book of Job for the next few weeks. Job was a good man who “had it all” and then lost it - he is joined by his friends and together they try to make sense of the twists and turns of Job’s life and where God might be in all of it. We will consider questions of what it means to be human, rejoicing and suffering, God’s activity in the world and in our lives, and ultimately what redemption means for us here and now. We hope you will join us for this challenging and interesting series!

Blessing of the Backpacks

will take place during worship next Sunday, August 23. All children in the congregation, playschool, and community are welcome to bring their school bags to be blessed.

Church Calendar at a Glance

August 16	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
August 23	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship-Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

The Elder on Call for August is Travis Williams.

He may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **205-533-4145** .

Prayer Concerns

Members:

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:

The family of Tommy Glynn

Dan Hahs

The family of Carolyn Fogelman (Dan Hahs)

Tracy Fletcher

Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)

Barbara Dennis

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 **Adam O’Boyle**. This week we ask the congregation to remember Adam and his family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.