

Order of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Gathering Music	Hymn Medley	arr. O’Boyle
Welcome		
Prelude	All Creatures of Our God and King	Lasst Uns Erfreuen
*Call to Worship (Responsive)		Psalms 124:8
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God!		
*Hymn 35	Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty	Lobe Den Herren

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

How easily we pat ourselves on the back, Listening Love, for the lives we lead. We welcome the praise of others, but have little compassion for those who have failed us. We assume that a comfortable life is our birthright, yet believe poor choices produce suffering for those around us. We boast of the good we do, but forget to thank you for all that you have given to us.

Forgive us, Companion of Compassion, for breaking your heart, and disappointing your hopes for us. As we seek to follow your Child, may we be found with those whose lives are barren, with those who know little laughter in their day, with those who have received no love from others - for in their presence, we will find Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

(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 38:25-27; 41:1-8; 42:1-6	OT, p. 485, 487
Sermon	A Dream Come True?	Rev. Christie Ashton
*Hymn 41	O Worship the King, All Glorious Above	Lyons

*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 & 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 34	Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being (verses 1-2 and 4-5)	Rustington
*Charge and Benediction		
*Postlude	Sing Praise to Our Creator	O. Westendorf

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

Worship Leader This Week: Tim Clutts
Worship Leader Next Week: Lareeta Ashton



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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!

Save the Date: On Sunday, September 13, we will present Bibles to the children and youth during worship as we begin a new cycle of the Narrative Lectionary. We will celebrate after the service with a fellowship meal. The church is providing the main dish (a baked potato bar) and you are invited to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share if you are able. All are welcome!

Church Calendar at a Glance

August 30	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice
September 6	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice

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

Prayer Concerns

Members: Rev. Traci Loveman Holly Lowe Andy Young	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 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 Wester) Mary Neikirk (Angie Wester)	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 Rev. Bill Shouse. This week we ask the congregation to remember Bill and his family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.