

Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

PreludeFor the Beauty of the Eartharr. Krause

*Call to Worship (Responsive)Psalm 118
O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord is our strength and my song;
God has become our salvation. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 30O God, in a Mysterious WayDundee

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)
God of every blessing, we confess that sometimes we can’t see your blessing in every situation. We want you to give us what we want – a good life, free of trouble, safe and comfortable, prosperous and happy. You promise instead to be with us, to show us your steadfast love, and to make us a blessing wherever we are. We want you to set your people free and make sure everyone is cared for. You call us instead to look out for the vulnerable and to use our own powers for good.
Forgive us when we want you to give us an easy life, but we don’t want to do the work to make others’ lives easier. Forgive us when we confuse your blessing with privilege or prosperity and then refuse to share any of it. Forgive us, O God, and liberate us from our wrong thinking and our wrongdoing, that we may learn to live out your goodness in every place and time. We ask in Jesus’ name...
(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 LessonGenesis 39:1-23OT, p. 36

SermonLive Long and ProsperRev. Christie Ashton

*Hymn 74When God Restored Our Common LifeResignation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)The Iona Community
With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and this world. 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 743O God, You Are My GodStep by Step
(sing twice through)

*Charge and Benediction

*PostludeAll Creatures of Our God and Kingarr. Keverin

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

Worship Leader This Week: Travis Williams
Worship Leader Next Week: Traci Loveman



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What’s Happening at Hope?

Fall Workday: Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, we will be having a church “work day” along with the Playschool to help get our building and grounds in good condition. There will be tasks accessible to all ages and abilities. Breakfast goodies and snacks will be provided. Please plan to join us as we care for the physical resources we have been given to accomplish our ministry.

Church Calendar at a Glance

September 27	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice
October 4	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 .

The Elder on Call for October is Angie Wester. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at 256-684-7691 .

Prayer Concerns

Members: Luanne Biles Rev. Traci Loveman Holly Lowe Andy Young Shelby Albert	Family: Jane Davis (Christie Ashton) Richard Davis (Christie Ashton) Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton) Jimmy Marshall (Peter Loveman) Lys Howdle (Susan Terry) Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord) Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman) Fred Jones (Bill Jones)
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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 Angie and Dave Wester. This week we ask the congregation to remember Angie, Dave, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.