

Order of Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Hymn Medley

arr. O’Boyle

Welcome

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Keverin

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God has gathered us to this place,
where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.
God summons us to this place,
where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.
God will send us from this place,
to tell others of God’s hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Assurance

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

Faithful God, your providing love extends to all generations, and we come before you with gratitude for your care. Yet we confess that we like to imagine we have achieved all this for ourselves. Forgive us and remind us of the truth, for we prefer to believe solely in our own hard work and deserving.
We confess, too, that we like to celebrate our ancestors without looking too closely into things we would rather ignore. Forgive us and remind us of the truth, for we prefer to believe we come from a long line of purely good and faithful people.
And we confess that we like to proclaim our belief in you without letting it challenge our way of life. Forgive us and remind us of the truth, for we prefer to believe you and our other gods are compatible. Turn us once again, wholeheartedly, to your way...
(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

Joshua 24:1-27

OT, p. 215

Sermon

Multiple Choice Questions

Rev. Christie Ashton

*Hymn 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

Divinum Mysterium

*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 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Keverin

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

Worship Leader This Week:

Bill Ashton

Worship Leader Next Week:

Ramona Perkins



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What’s Happening at Hope?

Fall Workday:

NEXT 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.

Office Administrator Position:

We are searching for a kind, caring individual with a cooperative work style, who is able to get along with many different types of people to serve as our Office Administrator. A job description is available on our website at www.hopehuntsville.org/employment opportunities. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume, along with a list of three references, to office@hopehuntsville.org. Applications can also be mailed or delivered in person to the church office at 10001 Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35803, Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m and 1:30 p.m.

Church Calendar at a Glance

October 18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice Session Meeting
October 24	9:00 a.m.- noon	Work Day
October 25	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice

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