

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God of salvation's joy, we gather to celebrate and revere you.

We come, seeking your mercy. Forgive and re-create us.

God of unfailing love, we gather to worship and honor you.

We come, seeking your compassion. Forgive and renew us.

God of new beginnings, we gather to praise and thank you.

We come, seeking your grace. Forgive and restore us, as we worship you.

*Hymn 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Toplady

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

In your gracious mercy, O God, forgive us for the things we have done wrong. For the times we have used and abused your creation instead of being good stewards. For the times we have hurt other people in our pursuit of our own desires. For the times we have cared more about our bottom line than another's good. For the times we have refused to allow someone the same forgiveness we treasure for ourselves.

We come before you to acknowledge the pain we have caused, and pray you will enable us to return to your way. Open our ears and hearts to hear when truth is spoken to us, and re-connect our beliefs and our actions. Forgive us, loving God, wash away our sin and set us back on your path...

(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

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

Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 11:1-11, 14-18, 26-27; 12:1-10

OT, p. 284

Sermon

Ever Before Us

Rev. Christie Ashton

*Hymn 791

For You, My God, I Wait
(verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

Springtime

***Affirmation of Faith** (Responsive)

from 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 312**

Take Us As We Are, O God

Endless Feast

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

Worship Leader This Week: Ramona Perkins

What's Happening at Hope?

Time Change: Daylight Savings Time ends NEXT weekend. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour. (Not that we will complain if you're an hour early for church – our Sunday School class will welcome your participation. 😊)

Save the Date: The Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. at Temple B'nai Sholom. Members of various faith traditions will lead worship and the congregation will engage in a service project together. More information will be available later, but we hope you will plan to attend.

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 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.

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