Order of Worship
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/ Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Medley* arr. O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)
We come to worship not to escape the world
but to praise the one who made it
not to turn a blind eye to suffering
but to gaze upon the one who gives us hope;
not to shut out our neighbors
but to remind ourselves to love them.
Holy Christ, in music, prayer, scripture,
renew in us the strength to serve your children. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be* Kingsfold

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)
Sovereign God, we confess before you that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have lied to ourselves and excused our actions. We are too busy taking care of ourselves and our families. We will have time later. We don't have enough resources to help ourselves and others. Someone else will do it.
Forgive us for skirting our own responsibility, for making excuses, for not following your commandments. Help us to come to you. Help us to end our excuses and instead to pick up the cross, put to death the things that are holding us back, and follow you. In your name, the blessed name of Jesus, we pray….
(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 58:6-10 OT, p. 688
Matthew 25:31-46 NT, p. 28

Sermon Sheep or Goat? Rev. Keith Cook

***Hymn 767** *Together We Serve* San Anselmo

***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 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* I'll Fly Away

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Allegro in F Major, K. 1c* Mozart

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

Worship Leader This Week: LaDonna Bowers
Worship Leader Next Week: Tim Clutts



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What's Happening at Hope?

Gift of Love! Scripture reminds us that while God is the source of all we are and all we have, the ultimate gift of love is God's very own self in Jesus Christ. This year's stewardship season focuses on the gifts we have received through this congregation as well as the ways we share our gifts with our neighbors and community through the church. Please pray about how God might be calling you to support the ministry of the church so that our legacy of generosity and service will continue to make a difference in our community. Pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office during business hours. Please join us as we renew our commitment to God's ministry through our church.

Save the Date: The Community Thanksgiving Service is TODAY, 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. We hope to see you there!

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 as well as instructions on how to apply are available on our website at www.hopehuntsville.org/employment opportunities.

Church Calendar at a Glance

November 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	3:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service Service @ Temple B'nai Sholom
November 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

The Elder on Call for November is Travis Williams. He may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **205-533-4145**..

Prayer Concerns

Members:
Luanne Biles
Rev. Traci Loveman
Holly Lowe
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Friends:
Vicki Tonini (Traci Loveman)
Karen Brindley (Christie Ashton)
Dan Hahs
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)

Family:
Dessie Bowers (LaDonna Bowers)
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)

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 **Debbie and David Adsit.** This week we ask the congregation to remember Debbie, David, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.