

Find Hope Here

Hope Sunday, October 11, 2026

MEDITATION

“But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.” –Martin Luther King, Jr.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“In the Beauty of Holiness”

Music: Gordon Jensen

OPENING RESPONSES

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: We come carrying hopes for ourselves, for those we love, for our community, and for our world.

All: We come carrying worries and weariness, questions and longings.

L: Some of us come with hope rising strong.

All: Some of us come searching for even a glimmer.

L: Wherever we find ourselves this morning, we come together—

All: Trusting in the steadfast love of God.

L: Come, let us worship God and find hope here.

***OPENING SONG**

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

Black 408

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Linda Thomas, Deacon

God of faithfulness, we come before you just as we are—hopeful and discouraged, grateful and worried, trusting and uncertain. When the troubles of our lives and our world feel overwhelming, remind us that we do not face them alone. Quiet the noise that keeps us from hearing the small song of hope within us. Open us to your presence, to the love of those around us, and to the possibility that even in difficult times, hope is still alive. Gather us into your love this day, and make us a community where hope can be found and shared. Amen.

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director

ANTHEM

"Christ Has No Hands But Ours"

*Words/Music: Hal H. Hopson
Choir*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Lamentations 3:17-24, p. 937

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

NOW TESTAMENT READING

Rev. Christina Williams

REFLECTION

"Find Hope Here"

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RESPONSIVE SONG

"Great is Your Faithfulness"

Black 423

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys or concerns out loud during the prayers of the people. Please respond, "O Lord, hear our prayers."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. All are invited to sing "Amen". (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"We Are the Hands of Christ"

*Words/Music: Joel Raney
Choir*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***UNISON OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, you have given us so much to share—our resources, our compassion, our courage, our love, our hope. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope where it is needed: food for the hungry, welcome for the stranger, comfort for the weary, and care for our neighbors. May what we give be a sign of your faithfulness at work in the world. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

“How Firm a Foundation” vs 1-4

Black 407

***BLESSING**

SUNG BENEDICTION

“You are My All in All”

*Words/Music: Denis Jernigan
Choir*

POSTLUDE

“We are His Hands”

Music: Mark Gersmehl

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Choir, Alan King, Chris Polloni, Malcolm Donald, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas; Hospitality, Donna Cooper & Jean Sawyer; Food Donation, Jean Sawyer, Donna Cooper, Brenda Clements, Marylaine Hobson & Kristen Heisler

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister; Stephanie Miles, Music Director; Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director, Linda Thomas, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk is an invitation to stand if you are able.
Bold text indicates speaking in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts, conversation, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **Take Two:** *This adult faith formation group meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Join the conversation next Sunday in the small classroom.*
4. **Summer Refreshments & Conversation:** *Gather with us after worship to greet friends and make new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina Williams or Deacon of the day.*