

Hope United Church of Christ
May 11, 2025- Worship Order
Holy Communion

Prelude: Intermezzo - - - Marianne Kim

Welcome Pastor Meg

Announcements

May Birthday's

Mother's Day Video

Offering and Offering Prayer

Opening Song: No. 417 This is a Day of New Beginnings verses 1,2,4

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 139)

One: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were born,

One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

All: whose presence never leaves us,

One: and whose love for us never ends.

All: This is our God. Let's worship together!

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Loving God, we too often focus on what is wrong in our lives instead of the ways we have been blessed. We fail to remember that you are the source of our hope and our strength. Forgive us and show us how to live in right relationship with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Special Music: Well Done Faithful Servants by: Joseph M. Martin

Children's Message: Elephants

THE ALLELUIA Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer before Scripture

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43 CEB

Sermon: Worthy of a Name Rev. Meg Wilson

Song of Response: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. x2

Prayers of the People: *God of All ... Hear Our Prayer*

Lord's Prayer

Song of Preparation: No. 417 This is a Day of New Beginnings verse 5

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
All are welcomed to share in this meal.

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

All: And also with you!

Pastor: Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

All: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living
God, time after time, you draw us here to inspire
us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our

love fails, you are here, steadfast and true.
You created this world and called it good.
You created us to proclaim your good to all. And
so we raise our voices in praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O
God, Most High.**

Pastor: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus:
how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate
with sinners, and preached forgiveness
and peace. It was at this table that he issued
the invitation:

**All: to gather together, to share together, to
remember together, and to go and do likewise
in the world.**

Pastor: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was
betrayed, took bread, and when he had
given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my
body which is broken for you. Do this
in remembrance of me." In the same way, also,
he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup
is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as
often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise
our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will
come again!**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and
on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us
lovers and tellers of your word. Make us ones
who heal and share your grace. And make us
one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor
is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the
Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Cup of
Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Song: No. 347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Benediction:

Blessing: "Go in Peace"

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude: La Vaillance - - - G.P. Telemann