

Hope United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 5, 2025 – Order of Worship
World Communion Sunday

Prelude: How Beautiful - - - Twila Paris

Welcome

Announcements

Offering Prayer

OPENING SONG: No 349 I Come with Joy verses 1-4

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to this time of worship:

All: A time when we gather together acknowledging where God has been, is, and always will be.

One: We join hearts across the world, as we gather with all of God's children:

**All: together we find God's love,
together we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
together we receive the new hope the Spirit places in our hearts.**

One: Each one of us longs to feel God's embrace.

**All: Together we bring our hunger and find nourishment;
together we bring our brokenness and find healing;
we bring our very selves and find acceptance.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Let Us Pray.

All: Loving God, we often fail to trust that you are the source of our hope and our strength. Forgive us for our self-centered ways and place us back on your path so that we might live in right relationship with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Across the World

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In Remembrance" By Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

THE ALLELUIA

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer Before Scripture

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-10 CEV

Message: Every day and Everywhere Faith *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 PEOPLE

God of All ... Hear Our Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER**APOSTLE CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION: NO. 332 As We Gather at Your Table Verse 1

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All people of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

OPENING PRAYER

All: O God, you welcome us all to this time of communion. You welcome those who feel that they have answers and those who are still asking questions. You welcome those who are strong and those who are broken. You welcome those for whom this meal has great meaning and those who are searching for meaning. Bless this meal and bless us as we receive it together. May it unite us and remind us that we are one in the Body of Christ. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks to God as we connect with each other and with Christians everywhere.

All: Lord, this special communion reminds us that we are members of a global community. Together we have been fed. As you have nourished us, may we go into your world to offer peace and hope to others, listening with loving ears and acting with loving hearts, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: No. 347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

BENEDICTION

Blessing: "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"
Peace, I leave with you, my friends,
shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace, I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Postlude: Komm, Heiliger Geist - - - Georg Philipp Telemann