



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



June 7, 2026

The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at office@hopeepiscopal.org.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit
+Romans 15:13*

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST *(also known as Ordinary time)*

The period between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent is called ordinary time. By contrast the period through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, the Great Triduum, and the Easter season ending on Pentecost is called extraordinary time. Extraordinary time is so designated because its chief purpose is to celebrate the specific historic, supernatural acts of God in history that result in the salvation of creatures and creation. Because this season emphasizes the church's daily and weekly walk with Christ, it should be a time to explore the meaning of Sunday as the Lord's Day and the day set apart for Christian congregations to worship. During Ordinary Time, we can help one another remember why Sunday is special and how we can commemorate it as a special day for individuals, families and Christian communities.

In the season after Pentecost, we celebrate what God does to empower us to live out the Gospel day to day and week to week in the context of our ordinary lives. The liturgical color for Season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time is green. During the Season after Pentecost, we focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world. There are a few special days that we (in the Western church) mark in the season after Pentecost.

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



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Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



Second Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer

*The symbol † indicates when to stand if able.
The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.*

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

THE GATHERING

Introduction to Worship:

Leader "Astounding God: Your wisdom echoes across the centuries in Jesus, your Son. Through his life and ministry, your healing love and miraculous power are made plain among us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to sense your grace at work as we worship. In the assurance of your never-failing presence; quicken in us the desire to serve you, our neighbors, and the world you so love."

Opening Sentence:

Leader Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 1:2)

Prayer of Preparation:

Please stand or kneel as able.

Leader Loving God, we come to you in humility, seeking your presence.

People **We come with our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our fears.**

Leader You know the secrets of our hearts, and you understand our deepest needs.

People **Cleanse our thoughts and renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit.**

Leader As we gather in your name, make us aware of your presence among us.

People **Help us to lay aside all that distracts and burdens us,**

Leader that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.

People **Guide us in our prayers and in our praises,**

Leader that we may draw closer to you and be transformed by your love.

People **Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

#436 - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Psalm 33:1-12

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psalter and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 32

The Song of New Creation

Refrain::All **I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

1 ‘I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
 the Creator of Israel, your King.’
 2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
 a path in the mighty waters,

- 3 'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.
4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
5 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,
6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15,16,18,19,20c,21

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Lector A reading from the Paul's letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✦The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Leshner

Affirmation of Faith

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.

People **We believe in God the Father,**

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

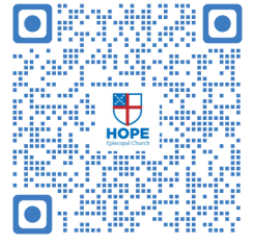
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church through the offering plate, by scanning the QR code in the margin of your bulletin, or you can Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991.



Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Hymn

#533 - “How Wondrous and Great Thy Works”

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

The Prayers of the People

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Loving God, we come before you today with hearts full of hope and minds seeking your wisdom. In the quiet of this morning, we lift up our prayers to you, trusting in your boundless love and mercy.

We pray for the Church, your body on earth. Strengthen and guide our leaders, that they may shepherd your people with wisdom and grace. We ask for unity in diversity, that all Christians may be one in our mission to reflect your love and justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for our world, so often marred by conflict, injustice, and suffering. Bring peace to places torn apart by war and violence. Give courage and compassion to those who work for justice and reconciliation. Help us to be good stewards of your creation, protecting the earth and all its inhabitants.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for our communities, for our neighbors, friends, and families. Open our hearts to those in need, the lonely, the sick, and the bereaved. Give us the strength to support and care for one another, reflecting your love in our actions. We especially pray for those who are on our hearts today [pause to name individuals silently or aloud].

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those in positions of authority and influence, that they may govern with integrity and seek the common good. Inspire them with a vision of justice and peace, that they may serve the people entrusted to their care with humility and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for ourselves, gathered here in your name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened to follow you more closely. Help us to discern your will for our lives and give us the courage to act upon it. Grant us the grace to forgive others as we have been forgiven and to love as we have been loved.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader Finally, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life and for those who have gone before us in faith. Keep us ever mindful of your presence, and grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

People Amen.

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

#594 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Worship Servers June 7, 2026

Ushers - Tom Brown, Steve Norton

Lectors - Lynette Brown (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)

Prayers of the People - Kathleen Peach

Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims

Altar Guild - Lynette Brown

Crucifer - JD Hynick

Acolyte - Eli Brown

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, Marian Martenas, Bob Sims, Keith Sims, Janice Stauffer, Katie Stauffer, Braiden Keating, Jeff & Lydia Engle, Mose Gruber, Ed+ & Daphne+ Messersmith, Peg Leibley, Stephanie Seaman, Bertha Dunstan, Carol & Steve Palmer, Brandon, Kathleen, & Liam Peach, Nancy Kalinski, Felisa Kalinski, Claudia Pavlin, Dave Dissinger, Quint Eno, and our Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's and St. John's, Jim Thorpe; Holy Trinity, Hollidaysburg; and

Kirby House, Mountain Top

Diocese of Kajo Keji St. Peter Kinyiba Parish



A Jubilee Parish

A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna
The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church
in the United States of America
The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of the Susquehanna

Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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