

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 15, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Our vision is to be a diverse faith family seeking to love, grow, and serve!

Centering

*Call to Worship

Pastor Joshua Krakos

Leader: We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace. People: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Leader: Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God. People: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Leader: Give to us the living bread of your hope that we may hunger no more. People: Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love.

***Opening Prayer**

O God of Healing and God of Hope, the world seems to swirl around us, as a whirlpool, pulling us downward. Bad news blasts us from every direction. We need God's healing touch right now. Help us to focus our lives on your redeeming presence. Enable us to reach out to each other and to our community. Give us the strength, determination, and commitment to embrace your words of hope. Amen.

*Morning Hymn	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	UMH 140
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*Affirming the Peace Among Us

(all are invited to stay in place and turn to greet your neighbors)

Children's Story

Shae Parsons, Children's Ministry Director

Blessing of the Offerings to Come

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

In Unison

Pastor Paige

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lessons		Pastor Joshua	
Old Testament Lessor	n Isaiah 43:1-2, 16-21		
New Testament Lesso	n Romans 15:13	In Unison	
"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit."			
Preparing Our Hearts	"Hymn of Promise"		
Message "	Abundant Hope: I Have This Hope"	Pastor Sharon	
Meditative Moment			
You are invited to open your heart and mind to the Spirit for a moment for healing.			
Responsive Prayer		In Unison	
Creator God, you claim us, love us, rescue us and redeem us! We are yours, and you are ours. Amen			
*Sending Song	"My Hope Is Built" verses 1,2,4	UMH 368	
*Benediction			
Postlude			

How wonderful to have you in worship with us today! May you feel the HOPE of Christ working in your life this week, as you live and serve.