

*Welcome to Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
where our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023, 8:45 AM

WELCOME: "We welcome others into a relationship..."

PRELUDE Christian Brooks
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jim Szakacs
Please login to the connection card online at hoperidge.com each Sunday to let us know you're here and connect with ways to serve and ways the church can serve you! Also, we appreciate that you sign-in each Sunday on the attendance clipboard. Thanks!

WORSHIP: so that they can worship God, ...

CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Moll, Worship Leader
We gather in Jesus' name to walk with God in our journey together to better understand God's nature and the call of Jesus on our lives. Let our time together be such that our faith is strengthened, and our lives truly make a difference in the lives of others and all of God's magnificent creation.

+ **OPENING HYMN** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138

UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, most Holy. We come today in answer to Jesus' question, *Who Do You Say that I Am?* Help us through this time and always to have open hearts and minds such that we are able to more perfectly hear Your voice and understand Your nature.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895
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. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

It is through our gifts at this time of offering that we return a portion of all that God has given us. We do so to extend God's mission here and around the world. Let us not withhold that which God has so abundantly provided.

There are many ways to support the ministries of Hope Ridge UMC: An offering basket will be passed among those in the Chapel today. For credit or debit card donations, the Giving Kiosk cart is set up near the Worship (WFLC) Center. For other electronic giving options, please see our website page hoperidge.com/donate.

OFFERTORY
+ **DOXOLOGY** *What Gift Can We Bring?* UMH 87, v 1
+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
As we bring gifts for the work of building Your kingdom, help us to learn to deny ourselves in order to carry Your word to all ends of the earth, and to follow Your leading wherever You may call us to be. In Christ's Holy name, we pray. Amen.

NURTURE: be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another...

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

SCRIPTURE for the Message **Luke 9:18-27**

MESSAGE *Who Do You Say That I Am?* Pastor Jim Szakacs

HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
+ **GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**
The United Methodist Church practices an open table, which means: "Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another." Today, we will offer bread and juice by intinction. Receive the bread and carefully dip in the juice cup. Individual, pre-filled, wafer and juice sealed cups are also available, if preferred.
COMMUNION PRAYER

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."

+ **CLOSING HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159
+ **BENEDICTION**
+ *Please stand as you are physically able, or spiritually led.*

PRAYER REQUESTS- If you would like a prayer to be lifted by our prayer team during the week, please submit it at any time to prayerrequests@hoperidge.com.

LISTENING DEVICES are now available on the cart at the back of the Chapel. Please feel free to ask the usher to try one.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown



PLEASE fill out an online Connection Card each week at hoperidge.com whether worshipping in-person or online. And when in-person, please also sign-in at the Welcome Table clipboard to let us know you're here and note if you need a nametag. Thanks!

THE FALL 2023 "What's Happening at Hope Ridge" FLYER is printed and available at the welcome desks. Take one home and one to share with neighbors! New small group classes are starting the week of September 10! Mark your calendars!

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED: Join a small group for this six-week study by Magrey R. DeVega. Small group studies **starting this week Sept 11:**

Monday ALF group (men & women) at 7PM, led by Carol Benroth in the Library

Tuesday Women's Study at 1PM, led by Sue Nahumck in the Conference Room

Thursday COGS (women) at 10AM, led by Yvonne Oyler in the Conference Room

MONDAY MENS STUDY at 7PM in the Conference Room, video series *Game Plan for Life* by Joe Gibbs, led by Joe King and Jim Davies. **Starts Sept 18** for 12 weeks—readings will be emailed out.

BREAKFAST CLUB WITH PASTOR JIM. Thursday, Sept 14 at 8AM at Concord Family Restaurant, in the Plaza across the street. Stop in for this monthly social time to chat; enjoy breakfast together!

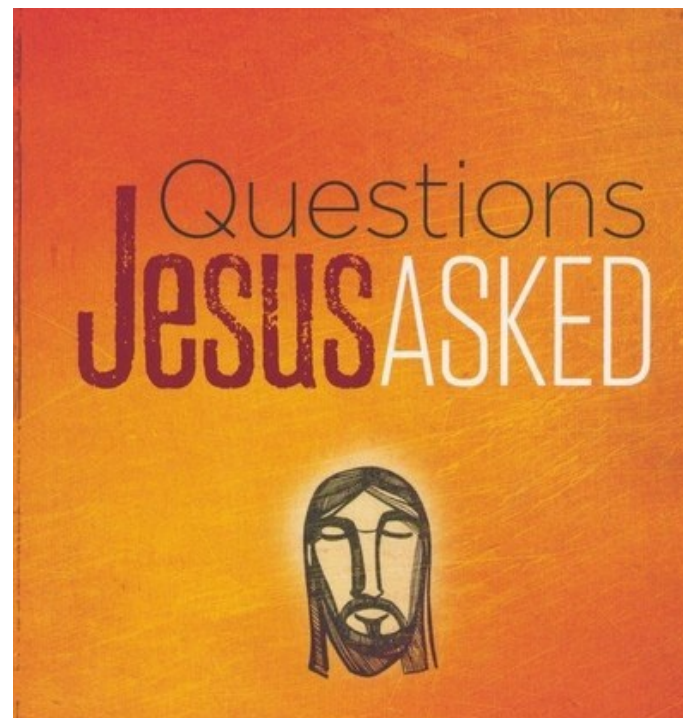
GRIEFSHARE BEGINS A NEW GROUP starts SUN, SEPT 17- NOV 26, 1PM, if you or someone you know is going through grief, this course can help participants support each other from mourning to joy. Please sign up with Linda Kallay or Diana Trubiani, or www.griefshare.org/groups/174787

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF, Sunday, Sept 17, 5-7PM in the Pavilion. For grades 6-12!

THIRD GRADE BIBLES will be presented on SUN, OCT 1 at the 10:30 service. If your child is in 3rd grade this fall, or older and has not received an Adventure Bible from Hope Ridge, please sign up to receive one at hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown or email the church office hopeoffice@hoperidge.com

BIBLE EXPLORERS begins Sun, Oct 8, 9:45-10:15AM in the Library. For grades 3-5.

FALL EVENT! Beats on the Ridge -- SAT, OCT 21, 5:30-8PM in the Hope Ridge parking lot! You won't want to miss this fun family-friendly evening featuring the band, "Beats Working!", playing a blend of country, blues, and classic rock music, buy food and ice cream from the delicious JD's Gourmet Hotdog truck, and bring the kids for a costume parade and treats!



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. **Amen.** ~ *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, UMH 881*



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8:45 Greeters/Communion preparers 1st Sunday-Jim Moll; 2nd- Cindy Harris;
3rd- Ken & Bonnie Lillibridge; 4th- Dale & Cindy Sawchik; 5th-Keith Nagy



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