

*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, MARCH 26, 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](http://hoperidge.com) each Sunday to let us know you're here and connect with ways to serve!*

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Kathy Tripepi-Bova, Worship Leader

L. Welcome, pilgrims, on the way to the cross.  
**P. We are learning to follow Jesus.**  
L. The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.  
**P. Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**  
L. All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.  
**P. Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.**  
L. Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—  
how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?  
**P. Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life,  
reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.**  
L. Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!  
**P. We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**  
*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

+ **OPENING HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH 154

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** Pastor Jim Szakacs

**EAST OHIO CAMPS VIDEO**

**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**

There are times when we might feel that we can do no more or that we cannot do enough to relieve the needs of this world. Our personal offerings may seem insignificant. But it is through our sharing connectionally that we may amplify the value of our gifts. Let us give generously through this faith community to offer seeds of hope to the world around us.

*We offer many convenient 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](http://hoperidge.com/donate).*

**OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM** *The Anchor Holds*  
+ **DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope the prophet shares, not just with our ears but with our hearts. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ's holy name. Amen.**

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

**SCRIPTURE** John 11:1-45

**MESSAGE** *Who Could Stand?* Pastor Jim Szakacs

**HOLY COMMUNION**

+ **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.*

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

+ **CLOSING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

+ **BENEDICTION** Pastor Jim Szakacs  
*+please stand as you are physically able, or spiritually led.*

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**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](mailto:prayerrequests@hoperidge.com).*



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

[hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown](http://hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown)



**PLEASE** fill out an online Connection Card each week at [hoperidge.com](http://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. Thank you!

**#RIDGE KIDZ** for kids age 4-5th grade, gathering at 10:15AM, the 2-5th Sundays in the Music Room. Bring the kids for Bible stories & fun activities!

**CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS** over soup and bread in the Café from 5:30PM-6:30PM. Only two more Tuesdays—March 28 and April 4. Come! Delicious soups will be provided by the congregation. No reservation required.

**HOPE RIDGE BOOK CLUB** discussion on the 4th Monday of each month at 630PM in the Youth Room. **March 27 - Less: A Novel. April 24 - A Castle in Brooklyn**

**2023 VBS AT HOPE RIDGE!** Hop on board the Rocky Railway to learn how Jesus' power pulls us through! **July 17-21, 9AM-noon**, for ages 4 years old thru 4th grade. Online registration April 1st. Volunteer at [hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown](http://hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown).

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Fri, April 21, 11AM-5PM** in the WFLC make your appointment today at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), "find a drive" code: *hoperidge*.

**HOPE RIDGE RUMMAGE SALE! Coming June 2-3!** Start saving your donations now to bring to church May 28-31. We need lots of servants that week, so please make room on your calendar to help sort and price. Proceeds will go to the Hope Ridge Women's mission fund, for both local, US, and global needs.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday, April 2, 8:45AM and 10:30AM**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7PM**

**Good Friday, April 7, 7PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 9, ONE SERVICE at 10:30AM**

**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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