

*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, JANUARY 22, 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** Harry Fishleigh  
L: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.  
**P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.**  
L: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.  
**P: Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.**  
L: We practice our faith in many ways.  
**P: Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.**  
L: We render different forms of ministry.  
**P: Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.**  
L: Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us,  
calling us together at His one Table.  
**P: Praise the Lord!**

+ **OPENING HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH 548

**UNISON PRAYER**  
Holy and precious God, You have called us in the Body of Your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal You to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is Your gift and Your will; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** Pastor Jim Szakacs  
**COMMUNITY 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**  
James, brother of Jesus tells us that faith without works is dead. Our offering is a form of works in which we share the blessings that God has provided us. Let us be generous in our works of giving so that the church may serve the mission of Christ throughout the world.

**OFFERTORY**  
*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).*

+ **DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
Holy God, as we present our offering, we know our world is divided over ideology and doctrines. Even among Your followers we bend toward division. We offer these gifts with hearts that desire to be in unity through Your love. May these gifts enable ministry that moves our world toward peace and unity. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

**SONG OF PREPARATION** *I Am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419

**SCRIPTURE** James 2:4-18

**MESSAGE** *It's What We DO!* 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** *When the Church of Jesus* UMH 592

+ **BENEDICTION**  
+ *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!

Look for more info at

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



**TODAY...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!

**ALL COME! TUESDAY CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS** over soup and bread in the Café from 5:45PM -7PM. This meal will be EVERY Tuesday through February 14. Come enjoy fellowship before your meeting or bring the family after a busy day or before evening activities. Delicious soups will be provided by congregation members, and breads by Michael's Bakeshop. No reservation required.

### WINTER STUDY GROUPS

- ◇ **ALF—The Adult Life Fellowship small group** meets **Mondays at 7PM** in the Library, discussing "The Chosen" (season 2) video series study of the life of Christ and his disciples. Discussion led by Carol Benroth.
- ◇ **Men's Bible Study Group**—Meets **Mondays at 7PM** in the Conference Room with a new study on the *Book of Romans*, led by Joe King and Jim Davies. Please email the church office or the leaders to receive the preparation material to view and read prior to January 16.
- ◇ **Tuesday Women's Study** meets **Tuesdays at 1PM** in the Conference Room to discuss the video/book series *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl* by Lysa TerKeurst, led by Sue Nahumck.
- ◇ **Wednesday Zoom study** meets online on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8PM** to watch and discuss together different Rev. Andy Stanley videos that can be found on YouTube. Contact Laurie Rider or the church office for the Zoom link.
- ◇ **COGs (Children of God)** study meets **Thursdays at 10AM** in the Conference Room. Ladies meet to discuss the video series Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions*, led by Yvonne Oyler. Drop-ins welcome!

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**HOPE RIDGE BOOK CLUB MEETS THE 4TH MONDAY at 6:30PM in the Youth Room.** Reading for the next two month's discussions: January 23: *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson, and February 27: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict.

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# Resilient Faith

Sunday, January 22, 2023  
8:45AM



**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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