

*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 18, 2022, 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!

PRAYER FOR PEACE will be a part of the Community Prayer today

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Harry Fishleigh
One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
Many: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.
One: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.
Many: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.
One: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.
Many: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.
One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
All: We are here to worship with all that we are.

+ **OPENING HYMN** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* UMH 176

UNISON PRAYER
O God, Parent of Lord Jesus, Parent to us as mother and father, we Your children gather around You to worship You. Your compassion and grace are as pleasing as the fragrance of floral bouquets. You are enthroned in heaven, yet You stand with us as we dwell on earth. Teach us that we belong to You and You alone belong to us. Teach us that You alone are enough for all that we need. In Your mercy, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Jim Szakacs

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II UMH 39
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
of Danielle Renee Bourgeois, daughter of Brandon and Hannah Bourgeois.

COMMUNITY PRAYER, PRAYER FOR PEACE, AND CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* UMH 141

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Harry Fishleigh
At this time of offering, let us find the joy that comes from sharing that which has been so graciously given to us. As God has richly blessed us, let us pour those blessings back into the community of faith in order to enable the work of the church as we continue God's mission.

+ **OFFERING**
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.

+ **DOXOLOGY** UMH 94
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Holy giver of all good blessings, the gifts we bring to You this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line of our ledger. Yet You manage Your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, and justice. Accept these offerings and bless them to Your mission to expand Your kingdom through works and mercy. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Judges 16:28-31
MESSAGE *Look at Me!!!* Pastor Jim Szakacs

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 14
SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH 895
THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

+ **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** *Depth of Mercy* UMH 355
+ **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.

THANK YOU to Darryl Lewis who portrayed the Bible character in today's video. Darryl is a member of the faculty at Andrews Osborne Academy, as well as the Director of Drama. He also teaches voice at Fine Arts in Willoughby. Jonathan Gordon portrayed the investigator today. Greg Pribulsky filmed and edited this video. This script was written by Pastor Jim Szakacs.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome! We're glad you're here!
Look for more info at
hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown



TODAY...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. Thank you!

NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR- Emily Stack has been hired on staff as our Nursery Coordinator for both 8:45 and 10:30 services, beginning Sunday, Sept 18. If you haven't met her yet, stop in and say hi!

TODAY! #RIDGEKIDZ RETURNS Sept 18 at 10:30AM! Bring your kids and grandkids, grades Pre-K thru 5th, as they enjoy learning the stories of Jesus in a kid-friendly format, while parents and grandparents focus on the worship service.

TODAY! SUNDAY SUNDAE! EAST COAST CUSTARD TRUCK in the circle drive following the Sept 18, 10:30AM service! RidgeKidz participants get a special treat free for attending, and treats available for all to purchase (\$4.50 ice cream and \$5.50 sundae; cash/credit). Stick around and "Pie the Pastor" for \$5 donation to the Youth Group retreat.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Friday, Sept 23, 11AM-5PM. Schedule your appointment to today at redcrossblood.org, "find a blood drive" code 'hoperidge.'

P.O.P.S. BIKE-A-THON PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM This year P.O.P.S. (Parents of Preschool Students) is hosting a Bike-A-Thon on September 28th and 29th to raise much needed funds for the preschool. In addition to student pledges, we are looking for community sponsors. Do you own a business or know someone who does? Would your employer consider sponsoring? Are you a family with a generous heart that would just love to support the preschool at a higher level? As a non-profit, these fundraisers and partnerships allow the school to provide the safest equipment, updated materials, new programs and curriculum. Sponsors will receive t-shirt advertising and more! Pick up a form on the Welcome table, or email Lisa Depretis at popshoperidge@gmail.com by **Sept 23**.



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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