

*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 19, 2023, 8:45 AM

WELCOME: “We welcome others into a relationship...”

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Christian Brooks
Pastor Jim Szakacs

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harry Fishleigh, Worship Leader

L. Welcome, pilgrims, on the way to the cross.

P. We are learning to follow Jesus.

L. On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

P. One thing we know:

God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

L. On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

P. One thing we know:

God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

L. On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**P. One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance,
and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

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** *Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge Your healing and comforting presence in our lives. We confess that we have been drawn in by materialism and driven by consumerism. Open our hearts to a new way of being. Send Your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of Your truth into our relationships and grant us victory over every secret and shame. We thank You in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Written by Junius Dotson, The Africana Worship Book

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Jim Szakacs

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

Our Generous God tenderly cares for each person. God restores light to those who are discouraged. When we bring our tithes and offerings, we are helping to bring the light of God's love into the lives of the most needy. May we be guided to not regard others according to outward appearances but to see God in them and serve them as we would serve Christ.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Anchor Holds

+ **DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of Your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH 454

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

MESSAGE

In The Presence

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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

+ **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jim Szakacs

+please stand as you are physically able, or spiritually led.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY. We ask that you prayerfully consider an extra gift today to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR helps people in disaster situations in the US and around the world. Gifts to UMCOR are accepted through Hope Ridge UMC throughout the year by check, at the Giving Kiosk in the Narthex (Lobby), or online at hoperidge.com/donate.

***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.*



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!

#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!

GRIEFSHARE, TODAY 1-3PM in the Conference Room. All welcome to this weekly class!

CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS over soup and bread in the Café from 5:30PM-6:30PM. This meal is EVERY Tuesdays through April 4. Come enjoy friendly conversation before your committee meeting, or bring the family after a busy day or before evening activities. Delicious soups will be provided by the congregation. No reservation required.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE, Wednesday, March 22 at 7PM in the Chapel. It's been one year since we held the first prayer service for Peace for the Ukraine. Much has changed, yet there is far to go. Come as we hear prayers from different perspectives offered by the congregation.

HOPE RIDGE BOOK CLUB meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30PM in the Youth Room. Any are welcome to read and attend the discussion for **March 27 - Less: A Novel.**

SAVE THE DATES for 2023 VBS at Hope Ridge! Hop on board the Rocky Railway to learn how Jesus' power pulls us through! July 17-21, 9AM-noon, Monday - Friday. Ages 4 years old - 4th grade. Online registration coming April 1st. Sign up to volunteer at hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown.

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

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



— FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT —

In the Presence

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday, March 19, 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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