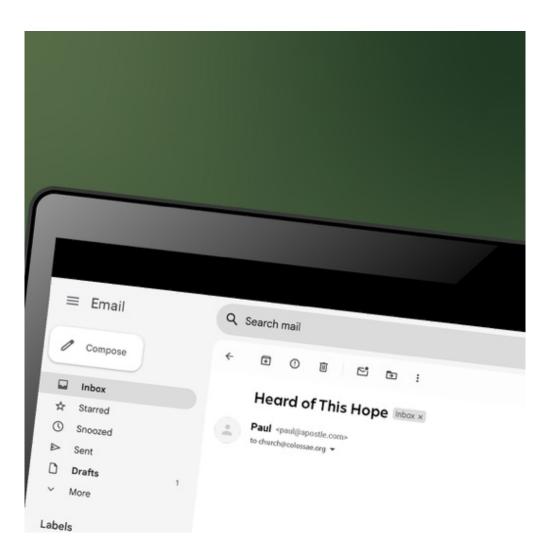
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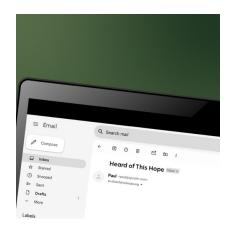


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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



- ** P Pastor Bold C: Congregation responds **
- P: Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.
- C: We have heard of this hope!
- P: Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.
- C: We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.
- P: Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.
- C: We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.
- P: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.
- C: Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

** All to recite in unison **

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Opening Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory p. 577 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 82 (ESV)

**L - Leader Bold - C: Congregation responds **

L: ¹ God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst

of the gods he holds judgment:

- C: ² "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*
- L: ³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
- C: ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- L: ⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C: ⁶ I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;
- L: ⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.
- C: ⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

Hymn - We Gather Together p. 131 UMH

New Testament Reading – Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon – Heard of This Hope

Closing Hymn - Forward Through the Ages p. 555 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Children of God, remember: you are not alone! This hope you have heard is the hope that draws us together to co-create a world where hope becomes reality. Go now in the blessing of the Triune God, the Source and Sustainer of our hope, to share the love of God wherever you go. Amen.

Lectionary Readings beginning July 14, 2025

Amos 8:1-12 | Psalm 52 | Colossians 1:15-28 | Luke 10:38-42

Announcements

• The Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough All who are serving our country at home and abroad

<u>Church Family</u> Wayne Bumgardner Frank Dalton Sherry Doub Frances V. Gough

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost Tammy Seats Boyd Jimmy & Deborah Branch Jane Bullin Leisha Carpenter Joe Dean Mack Edwards Joanne Everhart Mary File Garry Harbin Kathy Harbin Lynda Harper Ronald Howell David Joyner Wanda Needham Barbara Perryman Frances Sisk

Amber Lambert Kevin McBride Kevin McDaniel Mark Megela Dawn Proctor Jay D. Prevette Vivian Royal Mary Ellen Smith Kim Triplette Mark Wall Ann Wallace Robert and Susan Warren Savannah Wooten

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Manring	2	Randall Pitts	14
Samantha Gould	5	Cara Blackburn	15
Clint Hunter	5	Randy Edwards	17
Carolyn Perdue	5	Kathy Harbin	20
Peggy Willard	11	Alan Hunter	25
Erin Collins	12	Baron Tate Doub	29

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

SERMON NOTES

• Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?

• What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?

• Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?

• What reaffirmed or challenged you?

Additional thoughts and/or ideas?