

Hope United Methodist Church

May 24, 2026

Spirit Unbound

Pastor Jim Denton

Numbers 11:24-30 and
Acts 2:1-21

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (UMH 648)

Prayer Hymn: O Breath of Life (UMH 543)

Choir Anthem: I'm Gonna Sing

Closing Hymn: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning (TFWS 2237)

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Jim, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Jacob, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Jacob, Betty, Andrea, Kristen, Steve, Dana, Michael, Jacqueline, Don, Stephanie, Kennedi, Katie, Linda

Our homebound: Adele, Mary, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane

Worship Order

Welcome and Community Life
Prelude
Centering Words
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn*
Opening Prayer
Children's Message
Change for Change Collection
Time of Prayer | Prayer Hymn
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading
Choral Anthem
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
Lesser Thanksgiving
Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology | Prayer of Dedication*
Closing Hymn *
Breakthrough Prayer*
Dismissal with Blessing*

Serving Today

Greeters: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Ameya Serna
Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski
Liturgist: Maureen Tedesco
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: Sandi & Alan Arendt

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Donald French
Ushers: Irma Mora
Acolyte: Sofia Smith
Children's Message: Maureen Tedesco
Liturgist: Nancy Craig
Organist: David Bieschke
Fellowship: J.A.M.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 25

Church Building Closed in
Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, May 27

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex
Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library
Praise Bells @ 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm,
Narthex/Library

Thursday, May 28

Knit & Crochet @12:30pm, Library
Social Justice Ministry @ 7:00pm, Zoom

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

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Announcements and Community News

May Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - Haven House – is an emergency shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They are in need of donations, including twin bedding, household items, wipes, paper towels, and canned or frozen food. To learn more or donate, visit:

<https://www.havenhousedvs.org>

Church Building Closed – In **observance of Memorial Day**, the church building will be closed tomorrow, **May 25**.

Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, May 26** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.


United Methodist Church Peace With Justice Sunday – Next Sunday, **May 31**, we will observe *Peace with Justice Sunday* in the United Methodist Church, supporting ministries that work for peace and justice around the world. During worship, Jared Alleman of The Welcome Network will share about local efforts to assist and support immigrant families in our community. After the service, please join us in the narthex for refreshments provided by JAM. Representatives of the Northwest Indiana Community Response Team will be there to answer questions about their efforts to aid immigrants.


Annual Conference for the Indiana United Methodist Church - A team of leaders, including Pastors Jim & Pete, will be attending Annual Conference **June 3-6**. During this time, please contact Brenda in the church office with any needs that arise. Please keep all of the conference attendees in your prayers.


Impact 2818 – is the outdoor ministry of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. To engage, equip, and empower young people through meaningful outdoor experiences where they encounter God's transforming love through camps, retreats, and conferences. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.inumc.org/outdoor-ministries>.


The altar flowers are **in honor of Memorial Day**, given by Chuck and Judy Anderson.

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Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Centering Words

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life giving relationships with God and one another.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

People: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (UMH 648)

1 God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace; send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

2 Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in your tending may all [pastors] learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

3 Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all: as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.

4 Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim, that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name. [When appropriate, "ministers" may be substituted for "pastors]."

Opening Prayer

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Children's Message

Memory Verse: Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Prayer Hymn – O Breath of Life (UMH 543)

1 O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power. O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need. Then in your tenderness remake us; revive, restore, for this we plead.

3 O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer Response – Hear Us, O God (UMH 490)

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, all too often we fail to allow the Spirit to act through us to share your living Word.

Let us open our eyes, our ears, and most of all our hearts to allow your Spirit to act through us so we can hear your Word today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Choral Anthem - I'm Gonna Sing

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Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon – "Spirit Unbound"

Apostle's Creed (UMH 881)

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.

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Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 94)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn – As a Fire Is Meant for Burning (TFWS 2237)**

1 As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

*Breakthrough Prayer

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude