

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:00 AM



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. **ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

Prelude Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children by Ken Medema
 Jackie Rolfs and Madeline Severtson, vocal duet arr. Mary McDonald (2017)

Welcome

+ Litany of Confession

As members of God's family, woven together with all peoples and the land itself, we confess together:

We remember the generous gifts of creation and God's promise of enough.

We remember acres sold and treaties breaking, settlers unsettling and systems taking.

We remember the isolation of immigration, homesteads far from new neighbors and old country.

We remember Dakota people already and not yet, and resilient voices in this generation.

We remember farmers who labor to feed the world, who know wind and weather in their bones.

We confess we forget that we belong to each other and to this land.

Silence for reflection and time to remember.

Beloved of Christ,

Know yourself forgiven and connected to the gifts of creation and to each other, all
relations of the God who re-members.

Re-member us, O God. Amen.

*(adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson's *We Remember: A Litany for the Land*)*

+ Gathering Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*vss. 1-4 & 6*)

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who suffer. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that all may know the promise of your love.
Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Así dice el SEÑOR:

«Observen el derecho
y practiquen la justicia,
porque mi salvación está por llegar;
Y a los extranjeros que se han unido al SEÑOR
para servirlo,
para amar el nombre del SEÑOR y adorarlo,
a todos los que observan el sábado sin profanarlo
y se mantienen firmes en mi pacto,
los llevaré a mi monte santo;
los llenaré de alegría en mi casa de oración.
Aceptaré los holocaustos y sacrificios
que ofrezcan sobre mi altar,
porque mi casa será llamada
casa de oración para todos los pueblos».

Así dice el SEÑOR y Dios,
el que reúne a los desterrados de Israel:
«Reuniré a mi pueblo con otros pueblos,
además de los que ya he reunido».

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios

Psalm 67

Refrain Music: Ray Makeever

Refrain (*1st time cantor sings, all sing thereafter*)



Let all the peo - ples praise you, O



God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

Cantor sings the odd verses, all sing the Even verses



¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

² Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide
all the na- | tions on earth. **REFRAIN**

⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

REFRAIN

¹ Dios tenga piedad de nosotros y nos bendiga;
Dios haga resplandecer su rostro sobre nosotros,

² para que en la tierra sea conocido tu camino
y en todas las naciones, tu salvación.

³ ¡Que te alaben, oh Dios, los pueblos;
que todos los pueblos te alaben!

⁴ Alégrese y canten con júbilo las naciones,
porque tú las juzgas con rectitud,
y guías a las naciones de la tierra. **R**

⁵ ¡Que te alaben, oh Dios, los pueblos;
que todos los pueblos te alaben!

⁶ La tierra dará entonces su fruto,
y Dios, nuestro Dios, nos bendecirá.

⁷ Dios nos bendecirá
y le temerán todos los confines de la tierra. **R**

+ Gospel Acclamation *All sing in Spanish, then English* ACS Setting 11 (from Honduras)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

The gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Partiendo de allí, Jesús se retiró a la región de Tiro y Sidón. De esa región salió a su encuentro una mujer cananea gritando:—¡Señor, Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí! Mi hija sufre terriblemente por estar endemoniada. Jesús no respondió ni una palabra. Así que sus discípulos se acercaron a él y le rogaron: —Despídela, porque viene detrás de nosotros gritando. —No fui enviado sino a las ovejas perdidas del pueblo de Israel —contestó Jesús. La mujer se acercó y arrodillándose delante de él, suplicó: —¡Señor, ayúdame! Él respondió:—No está bien quitarles el pan a los hijos y echárselo a los perros. —Sí, Señor —respondió la mujer—, pero hasta los perros comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos. —¡Mujer, qué grande es tu fe! —contestó Jesús—. Que se cumpla lo que quieres. Y desde ese mismo momento quedó sana su hija.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert



1 There's a wide-ness
2 There is wel-come
3 For the love of
4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

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+ Prayers of the People

*Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.***

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

Ich folge dir gleichfalls (*from St. John Passion*)

by J.S. Bach

Jackie Rolfs, soprano and Madeline Severtson, flute

I follow you likewise with happy steps and do not leave you, my Life, my Light.

Pursue your journey and don't stop, continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me.

As an act of gratitude and participation in God's work among us, we offer our gifts. Thank you for supporting the ministry we share together through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Financial offerings may be made online, via the QR code at the rear of the bulletin, by mail, or in the offering plate during Communion.

+ Offertory Prayer

We give thanks to you, Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

ACS Setting 11



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



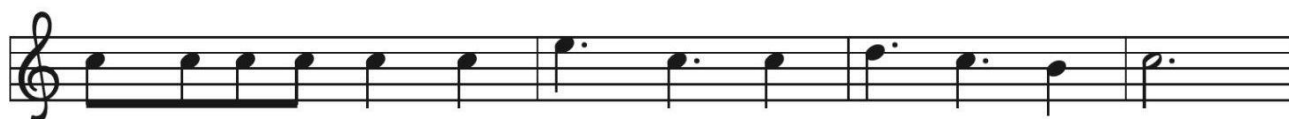
cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others... *When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

If you are at home on your own... *Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

If you are worshiping in-person today... *We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

If you seek healing prayers today... *A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.*

If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*

Reflection: *During the past week, when did you experience an ordinary moment of grace? In other words, when did you experience connection to another person, community, or part of creation that allowed you to pause and remember you are grounded in God's love?*



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
our com-mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

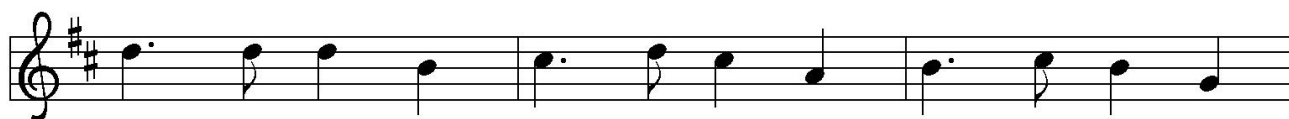
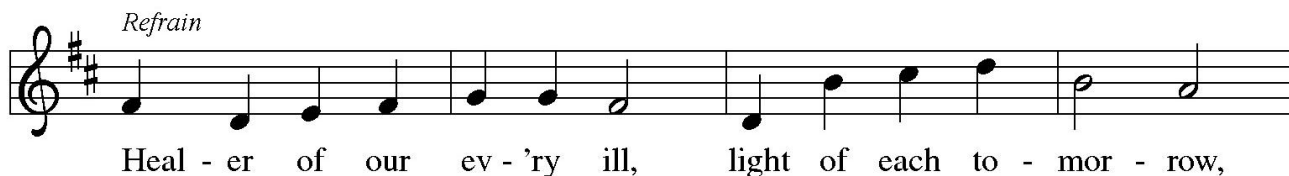
Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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+ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

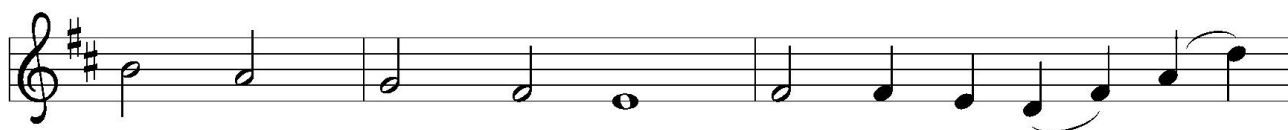
+Sending Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign (*vss. 1-3*)

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

+Blessing

May the generous blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life!

+Dismissal

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune
Wayne L. Wold (2000)

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Madeline Severtson, Jackie Rolfs, Paul Stever (musicians); Lynette Lamb, Bill Sanden, Jan Sanden (communion servers); Sonja Peterson (lector); Addison Gillette (worship tech facilitator); Don & Meri Hauge (greeters); Jane VanHeuvelen, Magda VanHeuvelen, Tom VanHeuvelen (ushers); Shelly Parry (worship prep); Nancy Miller (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Donna Neste (healing prayer)

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Hope Choir resumes September 9 at 7-8:30pm

The fall season of Hope Choir rehearsals and worship leadership resumes with Wednesday night rehearsals, beginning September 9 at 7-8:30pm. If you haven't sung with us recently, it can be helpful to let Paul (pauls@ulch.org) or someone in the choir know you'll be coming so that we can have music ready for you. Whether you've sung with us recently or not, all are welcome!

If you would like to participate in handbells or any other aspect of music programming, feel free to reach out at any time. We are starting to set the fall schedules now.

Courtyard Concert

Thursday, September 10 at 7pm, suggested freewill donation \$10

Orkestar Bez Ime [or-KESS-tar behz EE-meh], meaning “orchestra without a name” in Bulgarian, was formed in 2002 to recreate the sounds of the village with a presentation as festive as the music itself. Focusing on Eastern Europe, OBI's repertoire reaches from Albania to Ukraine, with plenty of stops in between. Orkestar Bez Ime is a winner of the 2011-2012 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Performing Musicians administered by MacPhail Center for Music and a recipient of a 2012 Minnesota Emerging Composers Award from the American Composers Forum. OBI is composed of Colleen Bertsch, Scott Keever, Matt Miller, Katrina Mundinger, Natalie Nowytski, and Eric Ray. <https://orkestarbezime.com/>

Neighborhood Hope Celebration Sunday, September 20 after worship

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of community, connection, and hope! Enjoy delicious oven-baked pizza, live music, games for all ages, and our special Circulation Event—where donated household items find new homes. Browse, choose, and adopt items you can use while helping reduce waste and bless your neighbors. Bring your family, invite a friend, and celebrate the joy of being a neighborhood together!

Want to help make it happen? We're looking for volunteers to assist with setup, hospitality, games, and cleanup. Whether you can help for an hour or the whole event, we'd love to have you join the team and help bring hope to our neighborhood! Contact Pastor Amanda at amandas@ulch.org to volunteer.

Invitation to Worship Practice: Reflection on Ordinary Moments of Grace

Throughout the month of August, we are inviting you to notice and reflect upon ordinary moments of grace - moments in which you find yourself connected to another person, community, or part of creation and reminded that you are a part of something bigger than yourself. These moments remind us that God's love and grace holds and surrounds us, and all of creation, at all times - even when our fears or anxiety might try to convince us otherwise. Perhaps they happen while cooking and eating with others, walking your dog, joining in public action with others, etc.

During communion in our worship gatherings, you are invited to write a word, phrase, or sentence about your ordinary moment of grace on a slip of paper and put it in the basket at the prayer station. These submissions will remain anonymous. Then, during announcements one or two people who would like to share their ordinary moment of grace aloud will be invited to briefly share so that we are able to hear from one another. For those of you joining us online, you are welcome to submit your reflections to share with others via office@ulch.org.

In these intense times in the life of this nation, where we are encouraged to break ourselves into factions or seek our own gain above anyone else's, taking the opportunity to notice how connected we are and to hear from one another grounds us in God's promise of presence in all times and places. Together, we are the Hope we proclaim and the Hope the world needs.

Outdoor Worship Next Sunday: August 23