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Program for Sunday, November 30, 2025
Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Confidence*
Glorious Day

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

Announcements

- **Thanks for joining our Worship Service today....**
- **Bible Studies are temporarily postponed.** We will resume after the holidays. Please let Pastor Larry know if you have a preference on a day of the week you would like to meet.
- **We still need volunteers to help with the Christmas Tree Lot.** We need Lot Workers, Delivery Help and Meals. Please see Gary or Lois Van Buskirk. Thank You...
- **Please plan to stay after Church today for our Potluck.**
- **You should have received a Thanksgiving Letter from Pastor Larry** last week. If not, you can pick one up at the information table, or see it on last week's Friday eBlast.
- Men's Breakfast is this Sat. Dec. 6th. **Please Note:** Time and Place has changed. We are meeting at **7:30AM at Diggers Diner** in Discovery Bay.
- Women's Breakfast is this Sat. Dec. 6th. At **Diggers Diner at 9AM.**
- If you have any prayer requests, please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at:
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Adoration: *Goodness of God*

Selected Scripture reading

Message: *Be Hopeful*

Affirmation: *Soul on Fire*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected Scriptures:

Psalm 39:7 "And now, Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in You.

Psalm 71:5 For You are my hope;

O Lord God, You are my confidence from my youth.

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,

And in His word do I hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

Lamentations 3:24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I have hope in Him."

Micah 7:7 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord;

I will wait for the God of my salvation.

My God will hear me.

Romans 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:24-25 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

Hebrews 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

1 Corinthians 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving devotional: Psalm 9:1 I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders.

Friday Devotional: Ephesians 1:19b-23, "These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

- Repeating the refrain is a spiritual discipline. Make it the soundtrack of your soul.
- No situation is out of bounds for the "hesed" of God.
- Trust in the lovingkindness and goodness of God leads to thankfulness.

Psalm 100 A Psalm for Thanksgiving.
1 **Shout** joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
2 **Serve** the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
3 **Know** that the Lord Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4 **Enter** His gates with thanksgiving

- 7 Imperatives (Do it!)
- Cultivate exuberant worship.
- Combat ingratitude.
- What does our attitude reveal?
- We are His people.
- He provides and protects.
- We have access to the Almighty.

And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.	• Taste & See is an imperative sampling, testing, sensory experience. • Trust yields blessings. • The lovingkindness of God is irrevocable.
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Psalm 100 Structure

Structure: - 3 imperatives (vs 1-3a) - Reasons (vs 3bc) - 3 imperatives (vs 4). - Reasons (vs v5).	Structure: - Triple imperative call to worship - Central call to Know the Lord - Triple imperative call to worship
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- This is Hebrew meditation literature. Focus is in verse 3.
 - Know the LORD. He is the true God. We are His possession.

Hope is anchored in the character of God.

- God is the exclusive object of hope.
- We can rest if the promises, sovereignty, and steadfast love of God.
- Hope is sanctified waiting. It can be worship when it is oriented towards God.
- Hope can transform our desires toward eternal realities and the presence of God.
- In seasons of uncertainty (relationships, career, health), put a name to what you are waiting for.
- Practice hopeful silence.
- Cultivate God-centered practices of hope (prayers of trust, sharing testimony, reviewing answered prayers).
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- “Wait,” is active tensile expectancy, rooted in the reliability of God.
- “soul,” is the whole person with deep interior alignment with the timing of God.
- “Word,” is the commitment of God in promise.
- Our hope is grounded in the character and promises of God.
- Waiting with hope is one of the dimensions of discipleship.
- Because our faith rests in the revelation of God makes our hope objective, reliable, and durable.
- Our laments can be transfigured into hopeful expectancy because of our relationship with God.
- “Plans,” refer to the deliberate thoughtful intentions of God.
- “Welfare,” is “shalom” which is comprehensive well-being, peace, wholeness, safety, and flourishing (more than prosperity)
- “Future and a hope,” is a secured outcome anchored in the promises of God, not present circumstances.
- The will of God is benevolent and personal.
- We can demonstrate resilient trust amid delays. We can practice patience.
- Be a blessing in your communities (family, workplace, etc.).
- “portion,” is about an inheritance and ultimate share.
- “says my soul,” is about a deep volitional trust.

- Hope can be rational and resilient.
- The self-gift of God to us is for the ultimate good of the believer.
- The confession of naming God as our portion shapes our desires, transform our loves, and trains our endurance.
- Our resolve can train our endurance and we can engage with honest lament and a sturdy hope. This can form courage.
- Our identity is anchored in God, not outcomes.
- God can be our portion over our possessions.
- “God, meet with me in the ruins.”
- Micah has a crisis backdrop of societal breakdown. But Micah is refusing despair and choosing vigilant, patient trust in the saving action of God.
- Micah is pivoting from lament about society to faith in God.
- Flow of the verse: Resolve (“But as for me”) → posture (“watch”) → discipline (“wait”) → assurance (“God will hear”).
- Biblical hope is both alert and patient -> resilient trust.
- Rule of life: Watch. Wait. Pray.
- Seek discernment in noisy times.

Hope is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

- When we have a faith that brings peace with God, access to grace, and exult in tribulation that produces endurance, character, and hope. That hope is safeguarded by the outpouring witness of the Holy Spirit of the love of God for us.
- Our assurance is anchored in the Trinity.
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- Our hope has a tension between what God has begun (firstfruits of the Spirit) and what remains in the future (glory and resurrection). We are in the process of being saved.
- Hope stretches forward to the future that is not seen.
- Because we hope, we can persevere as we eagerly wait, grounded in the promises of God.
- Use scripture to shape our expectations.
- Develop rhythms of perseverance (silence, sabbath, hope),
- Be aligned: kingdom values (purity, peacemaking, generosity).
- “God of hope:” God is the object of our hope. God is the origin of our hope. Hope is a gift from God for us to help us cope with this world.
- When we believe God, we are filled with joy and peace.
- Hope is intended to overflow.
- The Holy Spirit is the agent, Who roots our hope in divine power.
- Pray, anchoring our day in hoping trustfully, not outcomes.
- Lean into the Holy Spirit’s power.
- Allow overflowing hope to witness to others.
- Because Christ is in each and every believer, that identity cannot be shaken.

- The indwelling Christ means abundance for wisdom, love, and endurance when we feel overwhelmed.
- Because of our hope in glory, the future is certain.
- Our present pain does not have the final word because the presence of Christ guarantees our future transformation.
- Faith is “already and not yet.” Faith lives in that space between inauguration and consummation.
- Active faith builds arks, leave homeland, offers costly worship.
- Faith give substance to hope.
- Which promise of God needs to become substance for what you are facing?
- The character and past faithfulness of God become the proof for present obedience and bring conviction about what you cannot yet see.
- We are to be pilgrims, who are more at home in the promises of God.
- Anchor is a nautical image of stability amid storms; hope fastens the believer to the promises and presence of God.
- Our hope is grounded in the unchangeable promise of God.
- Christ, “within the veil,” ties our hope to His high priest ministry.
- With the presumption of storms, or hope can help our resilient obedience and perseverance under trial.
- We can return to the promises of God when we have anxiety.
- Name the storms and tether our responses to the character of God rather than immediate outcomes.
- Anchored hope can free us to love and serve sacrificially.

Hope is lived out by believers

- The coordinates of hope are faith, and love.
- Faith, hope, and love are operative for Christians now.
- Love is the greatest, because it reflects the nature of God, fulfills the law, and will continue into eternity.
- Faith trusts what is unseen. Hope anticipates fulfillment.
- In the age to come, faith becomes sight and hope becomes possession.
- “Living hope,” is a dynamic resilient hope that participates in resurrection life; a future certainty made real by the presence of Christ’s resurrection.
- Our suffering happens within a secured hope. Trials can refine our faith without threatening our ultimate outcome. Believers are protected.
- Our identity is determined by the mercy of God. Start each day with the fact that God acted first.
- The resurrection is our rational basis for our hope. Since Jesus lives, our future is secured.
- Hold joys and trials together. Trials refine, they do not define.
- Peter calls for mental readiness and disciplined focus for holy living.
- With the new birth, the outworking is girded minds, sober spirits, and a fully fixed hope on the future grace of Jesus Christ.
- Our hope can be a motivator to guide our ethics. Our present obedience stands on a promised future with Jesus Christ.
- Our holiness is shaped not by fear but by hope.
- That future grace can encourage our current strength and courage.
- Threefold rule of life: Prepared mind; keeping a sober spirit, having a hope set completely on the grace that is revealed at the future appearance of God.

Biblical hope does not disappoint,

- Hope is anchored in the character of God.
- Hope is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
- Hope is lived out by believers.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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