

CATHEDRAL OF HOPE
A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Miracles OF Community

SUNDAY JULY 5, 2026

THE MIRACLE OF SHARING

WORSHIP GUIDE

Pre-Service Video

Introit:

Peace Like a River with Grant Us Peace/Down by the Riverside

Grant Us Peace by Michael Scott

Traditional folk songs

Arranged by Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland

Elena Walter, soloist

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Call to Worship

Cathedral of Hope, we gather today to worship our God and to recall the promise of freedom on which this country was built.

We celebrate the opportunities offered to us by this land,

We remember those who in all times and places have been true and brave,

And we pray for peace and that justice may prevail throughout this world.

So rise, Church of God, in body and spirit, and lift your voices to the God of every nation!

****Processional Hymn: *This Is My Song***

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes a dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their and for mine.

This is my pray'r, O God of earth's dominions:
Your justice come; on earth your will be done.
Let Christ's example raise us all to service;
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my pray'r, O God of all the nations,
myself I give you, let your will be done.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Andria Davis

David Garza

****Sharing of the Peace**

Modern Lesson: *Believer's Hymn for the Republic*

Our Modern Lesson is the poem "Believer's Hymn for the Republic" by former Youth National Poet Laureate of the United States, Amanda Gorman. Hear these words:

12 score and 3 years ago, to be exact,
Our founders dared to declare
The world's most revolutionary act:
A pact sworn for liberty and equality.
Out of many, was born one people;
A teeming nation made of nations,
At its very foundation a dream
For life, liberty, and the pursuit of
happiness.

Today, we gather so that our Founders'
words do not go diminished.
But also so that the work does not go
unfinished.
For it's not just in a declaration of
independence

But the everyday declaration of its
descendants
That make a people equal.
It is our right and our role
To remember these words scratched on a
scroll,
So we may live them and heal our nation
whole.
We roll up our sleeves, we believe in the
dream,
And these American stories, in the glory of
the struggle,
For it is from our struggle that comes our
nation's strength,
For the lengths that we fight for what is right

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Dennis Green and David Wells in celebration of Independence Day and in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated here in the main sanctuary.

Is the fullest measure of our country's
might.
And while we cannot shake or cast aside
our past,
Every day we write the future.
Together we sign it,
Together we declare it, we share it,
For this truth marches on inside each of us:
Americans know one another by our love of
liberty.
When in fact, we are liberated by our love
for one another.
We understand that a house divided cannot
stand.
So let us make a pact to be the country that
acts

As compassionate as we are courageous.
In the declaration's pages, we write a new
order for the ages,
Where out of many, we are one,
Bright as a sun, and bold as an eagle,
A nation of all people, by all people, for all
people.
Let this fourth of July
Move forth our cry to redeem the dream.
As we remember those words forever
ignited
That we the people have so long heard and
recited.
That we are right to stand
But are revolutionary when we stand
united.

May God bless the hearing of these new words. Amen.

Gradual

When You Speak to Me

Choir: When you speak to me, when I take the time to listen
there is peace to cover any pain.
When you speak to me, when you place your word inside me, I
am filled and I am strong again.
There is an answer to every question: the answer is you.

ALL: And the heavens open when you speak to me,
Pouring light into my waiting heart;
and the music fills an ocean silently, quietly,
when you speak to me.

**And the heavens open when you speak to me,
Pouring light into my waiting heart;
and the music fills an ocean silently, quietly,
when you speak to me; when you speak to me.

SCAN TO GIVE



**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

ONLINE GIVING

At www.cathedralofhope.com/give you can make a one-time donation or even set up a recurring electronic gift (by automated checking account withdrawal or credit card). One of the best things you can do to support your church is to make arrangements to give electronically.

****Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:42-47**

Roger Poindexter

One: Our Scripture Lesson is from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Hear these words:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Gloria**

Glory to God

Glory to God on high and peace to all on earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory to Jesus Christ, the Lamb upon the throne.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise to the Holy Spirit,
who comforts us now and forevermore, Alleluia.

Praise the Creator, and Praise to Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen. Amen!

Sermon

The Miracle of Sharing

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Offering Call

Offertory

Hymn to the New Age

Words and Music by Lee Hoiby
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Through the long night we have come. The sun is bright, the wars are done.

We will unite. We will be one. A new light has begun.

Smile, heaven, on our loving land. Shine blessings on our fair kingdom.

*Enrich our time to come, with growing love, with joy abundant
and long prosperous days.*

God's blessings are renewed again. The face of freedom is revealed in sunlight.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those wishing to receive a gluten-free communion wafer, please proceed down the center aisle or ask an usher for assistance.

*Now sing in praise of life, with poems praise, with voices praise,
with drums, with trumpets praise.*

*God's loving kingdom come to us. The gift of life and the gift of freedom.
Now shall peace reign, truth be revealed, and all wounds be healed.*

*So was it ever meant to be, resplendent hope of humankind:
to follow with the dove, the way of peace, the way of love.
So shall it be. So shall it be. So shall it ever be.*

Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Let us pray.

Almighty God, send the power of your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of grape and grain. Make them be for us holy food that nurtures us in body and spirit, that by sharing this feast, we may know the presence of the living Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all of the world. Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

Music during Communion

The Potter's Hand

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand,
crafted into your perfect plan
You gently call me into your presence,
guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.
I'm captured by your holy calling.
Set me apart, I know you're calling me to yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.
*Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
The Potter's hand.*

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

TEXT TO GIVE

Simply send a text message to (855) 717-1039 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$20. **The minimum text-to-give contribution is \$3.**

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

****Recessional *O God, We Thank You for This Land***

O God, we thank you for this land and for the good on which we stand:
for people down through history who sought to make us kind and free,
for immigrants from every place who built this land with strength and grace.

We thank you, God, for people here who work to counter hate and fear;
who work for justice for the poor; who seek to bring an end to war;
who love the water, land and air and work for your creation's care.

We thank you, too, for those who pause to see and challenge unjust laws;
for those whose vision leads the way to bring a gentler, nobler day;
for those who answer your great call to value, love and welcome all.

As we give thanks for this our land, may we, with others, take a stand:
may we a justice-vigil keep, and never let our conscience sleep;
for silence is complicity, and all are bound till all are free.

****Benediction**

Postlude for Dismissal

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) at Cathedral of Hope will connect you with the appropriate resources that best correspond to your needs.

The CCM can be reached at
Phone (214) 351-1901 Ext. 124
Email at prayer@cathedralofhope.com

WORSHIP *Services*

Sunday English Services

8:30am Traditional
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

10am Traditional
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

11:45am Contemporary
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

Sunday Spanish Service
1:30pm (Spanish)
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

Mid-Week Pick Me Up

Our Hope@11:45 Contemporary Sunday service is broadcast the following Wednesday evening at 7:15pm on Facebook, YouTube, and our Website as your mid-week pick me up.



53 CHRISTOPHER COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

The therapists at 53 Christopher Counseling & Psychotherapy are offering free drop-in mental and emotional support on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Appointments are available at 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 1pm. You can scan the QR code to set up time with us. No commitment required! Just a caring, confidential space to talk and be heard.



COMING UP @ CATHEDRAL

You're Invited: Cathedral Cabaret

Join us for an unforgettable night of music, performance, and celebration at the Annual Cathedral Cabaret, hosted by Cathedral of Hope. On **Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 7pm to 9pm**, we'll gather in the vibrant setting of the Rose Room at S4 for an evening that blends artistry, community, and joy in true cabaret style.

Cathedral Cabaret is one of our most anticipated annual events—a night where talent takes center stage and our community comes together to celebrate creativity, connection, and the spirit of inclusion. Expect dazzling performances, lively entertainment, and an atmosphere full of energy and heart.

Seating & Tickets

Tickets will be available at Sources of Hope, with seating options designed for every experience



Discussion on "Remarkably Bright Creatures" | Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 6:30-8:00pm Interfaith Peace Chapel

Sometimes in our lives, seemingly chance encounters turn out to be guided by deep currents of grace. So it is with Tova, a grieving mother and widow, Cameron, a young musician with an absent-father-shaped hole in his heart, and Marcellus, a wise giant Pacific Octopus, captive in an aquarium and yearning for the freedom of the sea depths. On July 16th, from 6:30-8 in the IPC, come join others who have been touched by this movie and explore its movement toward healing, community, and hope.

The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Pat Saxon, who has had a lifelong practice of engaging others in exploring the transformative power of stories— those of creative artists and of our own lives.

* The movie is available on Netflix.

The Mexican American Museum of Texas: Spanish Texas Exhibit | 1515 Young Street Dallas, TX 75201 Saturday, May 23, 2026 - Friday, July 31, 2026

Discover a lesser-known story of the American Revolution at Spanish Texas during the American Revolution: Life and Legacy, 1775 - 1783," a compelling new exhibit on the 8th floor of the Dallas Public Library. Designed and produced by The Mexican American Museum of Texas, this display highlights how Tejanos and Spanish settlers contributed to the American Revolution while navigating the challenges of daily life on the Texas frontier.

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (8th Floor)

REVIVE: Faith. Freedom. Fierce Love. Saturday, September 5th, 2026 | 1pm-6pm Hosted by Pride in Dallas

A Pride revival centered on healing, liberation, joy, and spiritual renewal — reclaiming sacred space for LGBTQ+ people, allies, families, and seekers. The tone is vibrant, gospel-rooted, affirming, and unapologetically hopeful.



*Scan QR code for more info about our upcoming events

IMPORTANT

Information

Love a joyful noise... but maybe not that joyful?



Good news! Ear plugs are now available for anyone who needs a little volume control during worship!

Just ask one of our friendly ushers, and they'll be happy to help you find your perfect level of praise.

Incense Use in Worship

Christmas Eve (9pm) & Christmas Eve (11pm)
Epiphany Sunday (10am)
Good Friday
Easter Sunday (10am)
Pentecost (10am)
and All Saints Sunday (10am)

Incense Use in Worship At Cathedral of Hope, incense is used as part of our worship experience on select holy days, including Christmas Eve (9pm, 11pm), Epiphany Sunday (10am), Good Friday, Easter Sunday (10am), Pentecost (10am), and All Saints Sunday (10am). We use a hypoallergenic incense designed to minimize irritation, but we recognize that sensitivities vary from person to person. If you have concerns, we invite you to speak with an usher or clergy member so we can support your worship experience in a way that feels safe and comfortable.



Children Volunteers

Our children and youth ministries are growing, and we would love for you to be part of it. If you have a heart for kids or a passion for teaching, this is a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact. To get involved, reach out to

Amani Murphy at amurphy@cathedralofhope.com

First Time Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, stop by the Connect Center to meet and greet with volunteers and staff, and to pick up a special gift from us to you.

Children and Families

We offer Children's Church for children between infancy and 5th grade. We meet in person on Sundays during all four services for faith-filled and fun programming. Childcare for the littlest ones is available on Sundays.

Youth

Our youth group is for those between 6th and 12th grades. It is a safe space to share struggles and joys. We meet Sundays at 10am in Rm. 102 for Youth Group.

Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that feels the safest and most comfortable to you. Gendered, multiple occupancy restrooms are located near the double glass doors behind the Sanctuary. All-gender, single occupancy restrooms are available off the hall to the right of the Hall of Heroes area.

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**Children and youth are always welcome in worship! Children and youth programming is available during all four worship services for infants through 12th grade. Please ask an usher for directions or more information.*

A friendly reminder...

As you may know, we have security presence at all worship services and other major events. We have a security team and a security plan in place in case of need. We ask you to partner with us and ensure that you are aware of your surroundings and the main exits in the building. And, if you see something, say something. Speak to a member of staff or a member of our security team. Thank you for your assistance.

Assisted listening systems are available in the bookstore

Please note that by sitting in the sanctuary, you may be filmed or photographed. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please feel free to worship in the Fellowship Hall