

CATHEDRAL OF HOPE
A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

To Rebehold the Stars

Being and Becoming Who You Really Are

Sunday
September 13, 2026

WORSHIP GUIDE

Prelude:

The Potter's Hand

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech
Arranged by Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland
Cathedral of Hope Orchestra

Call to Worship

Cathedral of Hope, we come today to meet our God:
The One who knows us thoroughly and loves us completely,
Who calls us beloved children, and invites us to be and become who we
really are.
So let us offer our lives, our hands, and our voices as we rise in body or
spirit to sing to the God of many names.

****Processional Hymn:**

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let the flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move all the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only all for thee.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Rev. Dr. Andria Davis

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10 a.m.) Alexander, Natalie, and Selena Stevens

****Sharing of the Peace**

Modern Lesson: from *To Rebehold the Stars* by Tiffany Yecke Brooks Chuck Norcross

Our Modern Lesson is from our Fall Study book, To Rebehold the Stars, by Tiffany Yecke Brooks. Hear these words:

Our authentic desires, priorities, and motives are all part of this whole self who exists, visible to and known by God, no matter how we try to cover up, ignore, or deny that truth. Instead of trying to hide ourselves from God, why not sit with God as you sift through the totality of who you are? Get comfortable with asking the question, “why?” both of others and of yourself. Learn to recognize what actually resonates with your soul in your quest to draw closer to God, love more like Christ, and radiate the Holy Spirit as you were “fearfully and wonderfully” and uniquely made to do, rather than sticking to the same scripts you were handed. We are born with a true self that is covered over with accumulated cultural beliefs, pressures, traumas, etc. Our job is to discover who we were always meant to be.

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

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

Chorus

God of Wonders

*Choir: God of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to our God on high.*

*ALL: God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy;
God of heaven and earth, God of heaven and earth.*

***God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy;
God of heaven and earth, God of heaven and earth,
God of heaven and earth.*

****Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:9-14**

One: Our Scripture Lesson is from the third chapter of Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Hear these words:

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**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.

****Response**

God of Wonders

*God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy;
God of heaven and earth, God of heaven and earth,
God of heaven and earth.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Being and Becoming Who You Really Are

Offering Call

Offertory

Work of Art

Words and Music by Shannon Wexelberg
Arranged by Tom Fettke
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

*You are the Potter, and I am the clay;
You are the Artist, and I am the paint;
You are the Writer, and I am your song;
I will be your instrument my whole life long.*

*Mold me, change me, color me in shades of you, in shades of you.
Play me, sing through me a melody
so when they look at me, they will only see who you are.*

*You are my Mother, and I am your child,
an empty vessel, and you are the fire.
All that you are, Lord, is all I desire;
Father, Creator, take my life.*

*Mold me, change me, color me in shades of you, in shades of you.
Play me, sing through me a melody
so when they look at me, they will only see who you are.
Create in me your work of art.*

SCAN TO GIVE



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

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.

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

This Is God's Wondrous World

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily bright declare their maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world, God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear God pass, God speaks to me everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems aft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and heaven and earth be one.

I Worship You, Almighty God

I worship you, almighty God, there is none like you.

I worship you, O God of peace, that is what I long to do.

I give you praise for you are my righteousness.

I worship you, almighty God, there is none like you.

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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.**

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 Hymn: *You Have Searched Me***

You have searched me, God, and known me! All my life is in your care.

When I lie awake in evening, you are always with me there.

When I rise to greet the morning in an attitude of praise,
what I learn from you is humbling: you already know my ways.

God, you know the song I'm singing and my words before I pray.

You're behind me and before me as I travel through each day.

You once knit me all together; you created me by grace.

In your eyes, you see and love me as your treasure all my days.

God, I try to learn your wisdom, but I cannot understand.

Yet your love is all around me; I am part of all you've planned.

Let me sing your praise each morning, let me serve you all day through,
and in evening, make me peaceful, knowing this: I'm loved by you!

****Benediction**

Postlude for Dismissal

Are You Staying Up To Date With CoH Events and Announcements

Cathedral of Hope sends congregational emails through Realm, our church management system, and Constant Contact.

If you are not receiving emails you expect from the church, there may be a typo in the email address we have on file, or your email provider may be blocking or filtering our messages. Please contact Rev. Dr. Andria Davis at adavis@cathedralofhope.com so we can help.

If you would like to begin receiving our Thursday email and other important church announcements, scan the QR code in the seat back or visit CathedralofHope.com/sunday. Select "Register Your Attendance," then click the "Sign Me Up" button.

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.



*Scan QR code for more info about our upcoming events

COMING UP @ CATHEDRAL

Sequins & Soul: Cathedral of Hope's 56th Anniversary Friday September 18, 2026 | 6pm-9pm

Join us as we celebrate 56 incredible years of faith, hope, love, and community at Cathedral of Hope with an unforgettable evening of Sequins & Soul!

On Friday, September 18, Cathedral of Hope will come alive with dazzling style, joyful laughter, great music, delicious food, and the vibrant spirit that has defined our community for more than five decades. Whether you arrive decked out in sparkling sequins, your favorite retro glam, or simply as your authentic self, you'll find a place where everyone belongs. Come reconnect with friends, make new memories, dance the night away, and celebrate the soul of a church that continues to shine brightly for all.



Hispanic Heritage Celebration Sunday September 27, 2026 | 1:30pm

Sunday, September 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Hope we joyfully invite you to our Worship Celebration. It will be a special time to give thanks to God for our heritage and our faith, united as one spiritual family.

We will be joined by the "Ballet Folklorico Alegre", bringing color and life to our celebration. Afterward, we will enjoy a delicious meal and a festival full of surprises, sharing together in a joyful atmosphere of community and faith.

Come and celebrate with us! Bring your family, invite your friends, and let's live a day of blessing, honoring God with our culture and our hearts.

Everyone is invited! Don't miss it—it will be a celebration to remember.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AND VOTE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Saturday October 3, 2026 | 10:30am

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

A Special Town Hall will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 11am via zoom. (Registration is Required)

Please visit www.cathedralofhope.com/governance for more information

Trunk or Treat Trunk Registration Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 11am - 3pm

Help create a fun, welcoming, and unforgettable Trunk or Treat experience by hosting a decorated trunk!

Whether you go all out with an elaborate theme or keep it simple and festive, your creativity, candy, and smiling face will help make this one of our favorite community events. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with families, share a little joy, and be part of an evening filled with costumes, laughter, and fun. Invite your friends, family, small group, or ministry team to decorate a trunk together and make it a memorable experience!

If you'd also like to serve in another capacity, such as setup, games, hospitality, traffic, or cleanup, please complete the separate Trunk or Treat Volunteer Registration, as this registration is for trunk hosts only.



IMPORTANT

Information



WHO DO YOU KNOW?

Have a realtor you trust?
A contractor who did great work?
An attorney you would recommend?
A favorite therapist, accountant, salon, or local business?

We want to know who you know.

Partners of Hope is building a network of businesses and professionals recommended by people in our community. You don't have to own a business to help us build it. If you trust a business, professional, or organization and would gladly recommend it to a friend, refer it to Partners of Hope.



Your recommendation could help us make a connection.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

Recommend a Business
Email us at Partners@Cathedralofhope.com

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.

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.

Congregational Care

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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