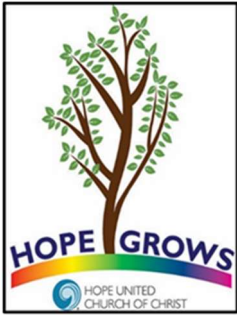


***No weekly announcements – please see newsletter**



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin August 1, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

We are glad you are here!

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome at Hope UCC!*

***Those who are able, please stand**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining. Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

Many: We have received manna in the wilderness. We have been offered the bread of life.

One: Open your selves to God's steadfast love. Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

Many: We are judged according to our deeds. Our secret sins are known to our God.

One: The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy. God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

Many: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry. Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

***OPENING HYMN** *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing #17* (see end of bulletin)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

We hear you calling us, loving God, to a life of humility, gentleness, and patience. Keep your call before us in this hour that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ. May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Speak to us of the Savior, who bore humanity's shame that we might learn to bear with one another in love. Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our differences. Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways of service outdistancing our fears. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our transgressions are many. We have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have wandered far from your truth. You alone know the extent of our guilt. You are justified to pass judgment and sentence us. We are crushed by the wrong we have allowed and the good we have avoided. We plead for mercy. Wash us thoroughly and cleanse us deep within. Put a new and right spirit in us and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Help us to lead lives worthy of your call to us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING OF PEACE

We are created in the image of God and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives. God cares for us and invests us with responsibility. Thus God honors us with high expectations and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people. We are loved. We are forgiven. Our baptism is renewed.

Let us offer one another the gift of peace. May the Lord's peace be with you!

(If you are using this liturgy as a private devotion or participating in the live stream worship, please hold out your hands in blessing for all you are joined with in spirit. If you are participating in the live stream worship, please type in your peace greeting.)

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

One: May the Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:...

With the assurance Jesus offers, together we pray the words Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.

- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he watches
 all the inhabitants of the earth—
¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all,
 and observes all their deeds.
¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army;
 a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
 and by its great might it cannot save.
¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
 on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death,
 and to keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
 he is our help and shield.
²¹ Our heart is glad in him,
 because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
 even as we hope in you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended[£] into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON "Beauty All Around Us"

SERMON HYMN #28 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

From the abundance of our land, we have much to share. Yet often we benefit from economic policies that favor us over the poor of the world, whose meager resources put food on our tables and clothes on our backs. The church seeks to bring justice amid the world's inequities.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

REMEMBER

CONSECRATION

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated through an open table at Hope UCC. All are invited to share this holy meal.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen

*BENEDICTION

One: Christ, the bread of life, sends you out to feed others. Whoever comes to Christ will not be hungry or thirsty.

Many: We will share our lives with brothers and sisters. We seek to offer them the bread from heaven.

One: Join the saints in building up the body of Christ. Seek to equip others for the work of ministry.

Many: We find unity in our relationship with God. We seek to grow toward the full stature of Christ.

One: The Spirit will go with you and dwell with you. Receive with joy the salvation Christ offers each day.

Many: We are being healed even as we serve. We are empowered daily as we share love.

POSTLUDE


17

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Ps. 148


St. Francis of Assisi, 1225
Adapt. Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

Descant





4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

Unison




1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3 Your flow-ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery





ev-ery way sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

(Harmony) *(Unison)*



thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en
sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant



Miriam Therese Winter described her thoughts about adapting this text: "As I entered into communion with the word and spirit of the hymn, I felt called to enable that unknown-to-me poet's wisdom to live on into the future, a moving commission, and also felt a bond with the one who had gone before."

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Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
8.8.4.4.8.8. with alleluias
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, ai - le -

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 Now we who are of ten - der heart,
 for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,
 sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 To you we lift our pain and care,
 re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6 In you, a kind and gen - tle death
 pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ goes be - fore us to re - new
 the way that leads us home to you.
 Hear our prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861