



Hope UCC Weekly Update: October 13, 2024

There is always something happening at Hope UCC, so we thought we would add a weekly announcement feature to the bulletin that is mailed and emailed out to everyone. This Weekly Update will provide you with announcements, information, and updates on all that is going on in our community – at church and beyond.

Stewardship at Hope UCC on October 13th

We will kick off our 2025 campaign on Sunday, October 13 when you will receive a packet of materials explaining Hope UCC's Mission Plan. We are so grateful for each of you and the many ways you all share your gifts.

Women's Retreat October 19 at Hope UCC

We will join with Church of Peace UCC for our annual Women's Retreat on October 19. Registration forms are at the church and online on the church website due by October 13.

Fall Harvest Project for Charley's Pantry and Hope UCC's Blessing Box

We will be collecting our Fall Harvest starting October 1st through November 17, on which day we will bless the 'harvest' before bringing it to the school. Please consider donating the following non-perishable, ready to eat items for the harvest:

Smaller jars of peanut butter

Powdered milk packets or shelf stable milk

Fruit and vegetable cups, applesauce cups/pouches

Individual small bags of chips

Individual serving size cups of Ravioli, spaghetti, soup, or similar

Individually wrapped granola bars, cereal bars

Cheese and cracker and or peanut butter cracker packs

Tuna 'Lunch To Go' kits

Canned fruit and vegetables with pull tab tops

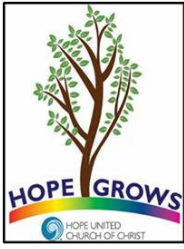
If you would like to make a monetary donation to this Fall Harvest project, we will use that to purchase additional items as well as fresh fruit and bread closer to the delivery date. Please indicate "Fall Harvest" on the memo line of the check or on the envelope for a cash donation.

November Newsletter & Bulletin Announcements Deadlines

Please submit any announcements or articles of interest for the **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** to Hope UCC's office no later than **THURSDAY, October 24th**. Also, if you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin they must be received by Tuesday prior to the Sunday Bulletin. Thank You!

Hope UCC Book Club October 28 at 6 P.M.

Join us to discuss our October selection, *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Hope UCC Conference Room. Please contact Dorothy Burdick through the church office with any questions.



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin October 13th, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*Thank you for joining us for worship today.
 We are glad you are here!
 Because you are who you are,
 you are welcome here!*

***You may stand.**



PRELUDE *We Gather Together*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*COMING TOGETHER AS A WORSHIP COMMUNITY

One: Incline your ear to God!

All: We hope to hear good news.

One: Listen, so that you may live!

All: We hope to have enough to share.

One: Imagine together!

All: We imagine enough at every table.

*OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In*

*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

Generous God, as we gather together in worship, we celebrate our different experiences and walks of life. Some of us have known hunger and scarcity. Some of us are too well fed. Yet, all are welcome to your heavenly banquet. We celebrate that at your table we become one body of Christ. We pray that your Spirit would connect us together, so that our hearts and minds are open to your calling. Amen.

*OFFERING OUR CONFESSION

Holy Creator and Source of Life, we find it hard to believe that You have given us all that we need. Fear of scarcity rules our hearts and constricts our imagination. Show us that there really is enough for every table. Help us to trust in the goodness of your creation, so that we may share in stewardship of all you have made. Amen.

*RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

LEARNING FROM OUR CHILDREN

PRAYING AS GOD'S PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Each of us has a unique experience with the Lord's Prayer. Please use the words you are most comfortable using as we share this prayer together. We can pray with one voice using a variety of words.

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
 and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
 and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

***GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-44**

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

SERMON *Imagine Together*

SERMON HYMN *Table of Plenty*

MISSION MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS

We are committed to God's truth that there is enough food for every mouth, enough pillows for every head, and enough love for every heart. Let us share what we have to bring God's vision to life.

Hope UCC thanks you for the gifts you share with this congregation. Your offering enables us to live into our mission. Offering plates are located near the Sanctuary doors.

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

Loving God, we offer these gifts with such a sense of gratitude and blessing. We are overflowing with all you provide. Bless what we have shared today, so that we may continue to imagine together. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

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You Are the Salt of the Earth, O People

***BENEDICTION**

One: Go out in joy and come back in peace;

Many: We will celebrate the gifts of God with the mountains and hills.

One: All of God's creation celebrates;

Many May we add our faith in God's abundant love.

One: We will imagine together;

Many: We will imagine together a world where there is enough for all. Amen.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist: Linda Brown

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Greeter: JoAnn Olson

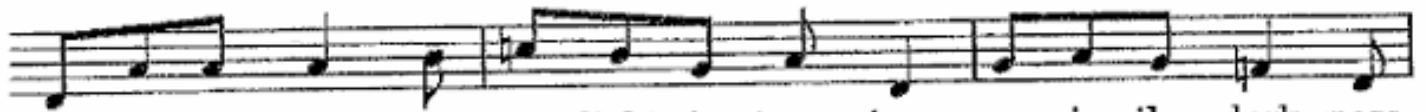
Slide Ministry: Lindsey Svetlick

Fellowship Hour: Jan Varga and Judy Hawotte

Audio-Visual Ministry: Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson,
Bob Poor, Bek Svetlick

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



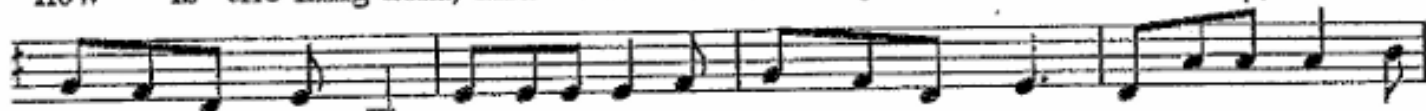
Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



rought here to you in the light of this day.	Gath-er us in, the
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.	Gath-er us in, the
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.	Give us to drink the
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.	Gath-er us in and



lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haughty; gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
 hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all



we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

TABLE OF PLENTY

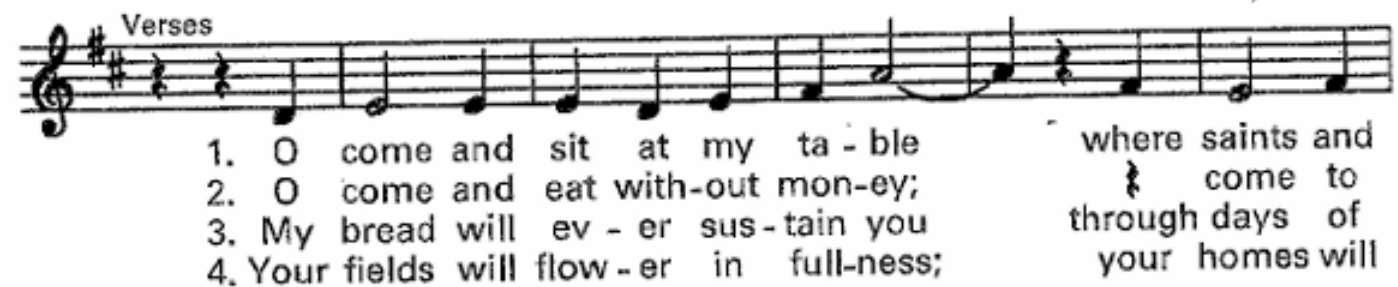
Dan Schutte

Refrain

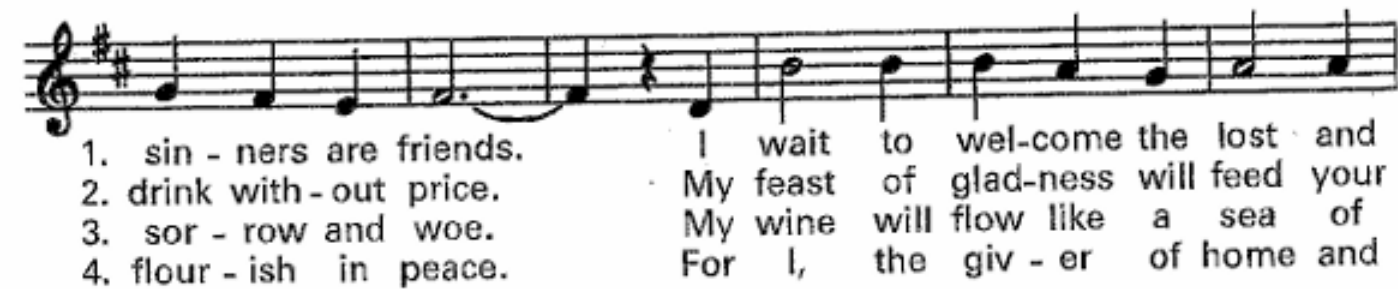


Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

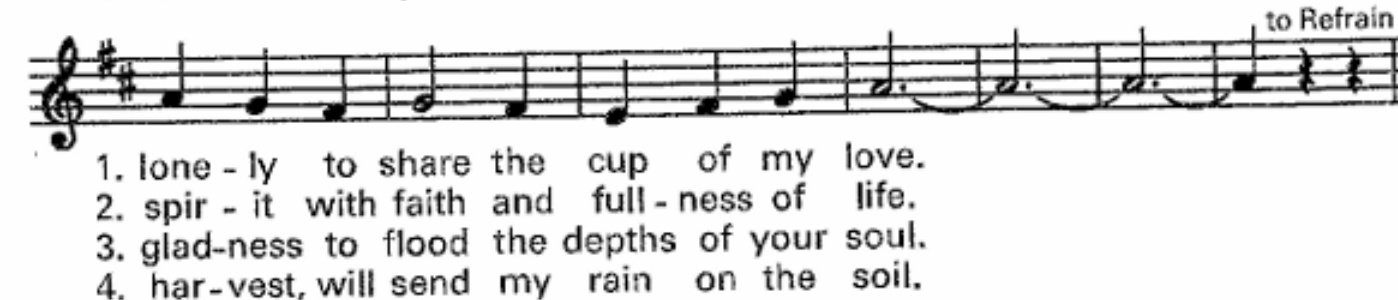
Verses



1. O come and sit at my ta - ble	where saints and
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey;	come to
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you	through days of
4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness;	your homes will



1. sin - ners are friends.	I wait to wel-come the lost and
2. drink with-out price.	My feast of glad-ness will feed your
3. sor - row and woe.	My wine will flow like a sea of
4. flour - ish in peace.	For I, the giv - er of home and



1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

to Refrain

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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*Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.**Matt. 5:13-15**Unison*
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit- y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986