



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: May 19, 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.*

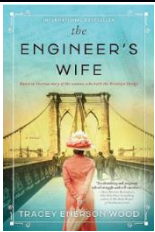
### **Hope UCC Yard Sale!**

Save the dates and gather your treasures! Hope UCC will hold its annual yard sale on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12pm.

### **Lectionary Final Meeting Before Summer Break: May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our Tuesday Lectionary Study Group will take a summer break following our final meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will resume the Tuesday morning gathering in September. Enjoy your summer vacations!

### **The Hope UCC Book Club June 3rd at 6pm**



Our Hope UCC Book Club will be meeting on Monday night, June 3rd, at 6:00pm. The book will be The Engineer's Wife by Tracy Enerson. She built the Brooklyn Bridge, so why don't you know her name? Emily Roebling built a monument for all time. Then she was lost in its shadow. Discover the fascinating woman who helped design and construct the Brooklyn Bridge.

### **Ruth Circle Meeting on Monday May 20th at 1:00pm.**

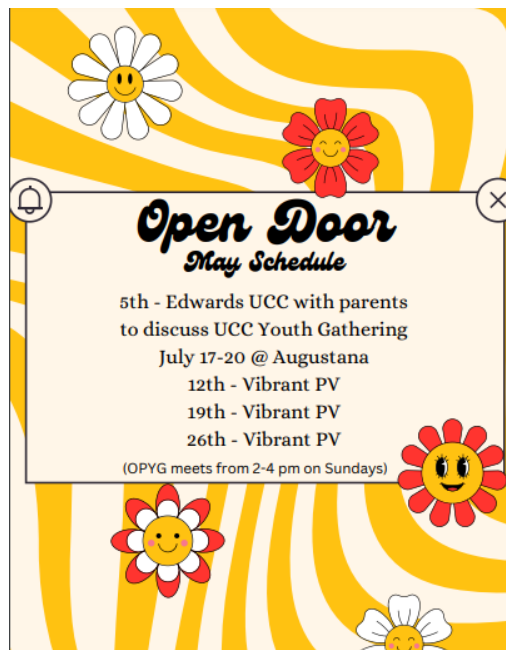
Ruth Circle's next meeting is scheduled for 1pm on Monday, May 20th. Linda Prior will be our speaker discussing Monarch Butterflies. We look forward to seeing all of you there, in the warmth and light of the spring sun! All women of the church are invited.

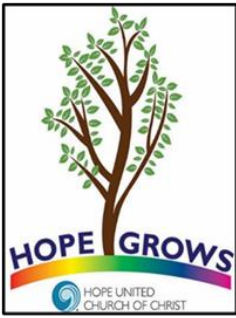
### **June Newsletter**

Please submit any announcements or articles of interest for the June Newsletter to Hope UCC's office no later than Friday, May 24th. Also, if you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin they must be received by Tuesday prior to the Sunday Bulletin.

### **Men's Fellowship**

The Men's Fellowship group will be meeting on Saturday, June 1st, 8am at Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis. Please contact Josh Powell at (309) 737-8378 to RSVP or if you have any further questions.

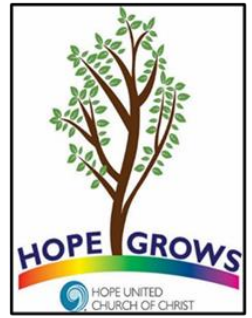




**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin May 19th, 2024**

**Day of 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!*



**\*Those who are able may stand**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For in hope we were saved.

**All: Now hope that is seen is not hope.**

One: For who hopes for what is seen?

**All: But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: NCH #272      *On Pentecost They Gathered*

ANTHEM: *The Spirit in Our Midst*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. Amen.

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.**

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

## Psalm 104

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*Response* *Antiphon: Judy Hunnicutt, 1994*

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O God, how manifold are your works!

*(Selection for Pentecost Day)*

*R*

<sup>24</sup>O God, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide;  
it is teeming with countless  
creatures, living things both small  
and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to  
sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you  
to give them their food in due  
season; *R*

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it  
up;  
when you open your hand, they are  
filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are  
dismayed;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they  
are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of God endure forever;  
may God rejoice in God's works —

*R*

<sup>32</sup>God who looks on the earth and it  
trembles,  
God who touches the mountains and  
they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to God as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I  
have being.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to God,  
for in God do I rejoice.

<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless God, O my soul. Praise be to  
God! *R*

*(May be sung with double tone.)*

## EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

HYMN #2: NCH #84 *This is the Day*

## \*GOSPEL LESSON:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

<sup>26</sup> "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about <sup>[b]</sup> sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON *"A Place Called Hope"*SERMON HYMN: NCH #373 *They Did Not Build in Vain*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Generous God, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of life you have created, in many many forms. And all is interconnected and we are interdependent. Sharing this offering is a sign of our connectedness with you and others. And a way to express thanks. Amen.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Receive, O God, this offering of thanksgiving. May your glory be proclaimed in all the world, and in a life of service and praise. May your spirit fill us with hope in all we do, when we are together and when we scatter from this place. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING OUT AFFIRMATION            NCH #81     *God Be With You*  
Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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**Serving in Worship Today**

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