



Hope UCC Weekly Update: June 19, 2022

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.

Quad Cities Unity Pride Parade: Saturday June 18

As we witnessed last year, the presence of a faith community offering an authentic witness affirming God's love for our LGBTQIA siblings is a deeply moving experience. As we put our ONA covenant into practice, we have been more fully opened to the importance and meaning of our covenant and what it means to live faithfully as an Open and Affirming congregation.

Hope UCC is once again joining with our sister Open and Affirming congregations, Edwards UCC and First Congregational UCC Moline, as sponsors of the events during the week of June 12-18.

On Saturday, June 18th, we will once again have a contingent marching in the Pride Parade. If you prefer to ride instead of walk, we have a car in which you can ride and wave to the crowds. The parade is later in the day this year- we'll gather at the staging area no later than 3:45 p.m. and it is on the Moline side of the River. The route begins at the Tax Slayer and ends at Bass Street Landing. Carpooling will be available and information about our contingent's staging area will be available soon. We hope you'll join us for this fun and meaningful event! Make sure to save the parade date on your calendar. Please contact Pastor Santina if you have any questions.

Ruth Circle: Monday June 20

Meeting at Riverbend Common at 5:15 for a ride on the Channel Cat.

Book Club: Monday June 27

Book for the month of June is "The Last Chance Library" by Freya Sampson



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin June 19, 2022
Second 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: God is ready for us to seek what is eternal. God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Many: **Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water. We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.**

One: God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire. Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

Many: **We come in quiet expectation to this holy place. We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.**

One: All are welcome here as brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ. Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Many: **Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity. Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.**

*OPENING HYMN #394 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (see end of bulletin)

*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

God, our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you; our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. 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



*Elijah the Prophet - Hand-Painted
Icon; Iconographer: Nik Vranos*

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 22:19-28

19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen, you have rescued me. 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you: 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All your offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all your offspring of Israel! 24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

1Kings 19:1-15a

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

11 The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but

the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 15 The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time, he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON "Healing Silence"

SERMON HYMN *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* by John Bell (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

God has richly provided all we need for life's journey. What are we doing with God's bounty? How much of ourselves and the resources we command are we investing in the work God has called the church to do? May our gifts reflect a consecrated congregation.

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all times and places, may our offerings reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purposes. May the programs we undertake build up the body of Christ among us and far beyond us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: God has come quickly to aid and instruct us. Now we depart to help others and to listen to them.

Many: We will share our stories with the congregation. We will witness in God's name to one another.

One: God's family includes those outside the church. With God, there are no outsiders or insiders.

Many: We will carry the grace of God without distinction. God's abundant steadfast love will sustain us.

One: Daily God asks, "What are you doing here?" Moment by moment, God is with us to help us.

Many: We will hope in God and sing God's praises. We will look up with hope and confidence. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
 African-American melody
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER