

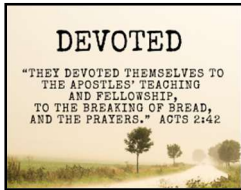


Hope UCC Weekly Update: November 14, 2021

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.

Visitation Committee

Visitation will be meeting a week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday. We will meet November 17th. If you would like to join us we will be at Culver's at 11:30.



Hope UCC Stewardship 2022: Devoted

We hope you have received your 2022 Mission Plan and stewardship information. As we reflect on all that we have accomplished throughout 2021 we also take this important time to discern how God is calling us to live as God's people and be the church in 2022. There is much information in these packets and we hope that as you read through the information

you will feel led to send in your faith promise of support for Hope UCC's 2022 mission.

Stewardship Sunday is November 21 and on this day we will take a moment and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for and blessing of the pledges offered this year. If you would like to bring your pledge to church that day, we will have a plate on the Communion Table in which to place it prior to worship. We will include all of the pledges that have already been turned in as well. If you have any questions about the proposed 2022 budget or any of the information contained in the plan, please contact Hope UCC's treasurer, Bob Tallitsch, or Pastor Santana. Likewise, if you are reading this and would like to receive this year's Mission Plan and information, please contact the church office: 309-762-1419 or info.hopeuccqc@gmail.com. On behalf of our Trustees Ministry, we thank you for your continued support of Hope UCC in the many ways that support is offered.

Thanksgiving PUGS!

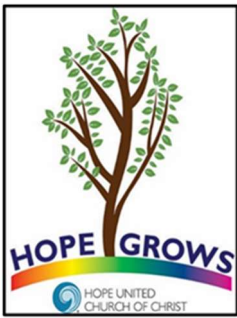
We are still collecting protein, underwear, gloves, and socks for our community partners. Please bring them in anytime during the week or on Sunday and place them in the baskets in front of the Communion Table. Thank you for your support!

Reel Theology: *Nomadland* on Friday, November 19

Please join us as we watch and discuss the award-winning film *Nomadland*. If you would like to eat together before the film, bring your own dinner at 5:30. We will begin the movie at 6:00 p.m. with the discussion immediately following.

NEW DATE: An Illustrated Faith: Deepening Our Spiritual Journey through Creative Journaling Saturday, December 4 at 3:30-5:00 P.M.





Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin November 14, 2021
Twenty-Fifth 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**



"Hannah, Prophetess and Mother of Samuel, Thanking God" from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.
 Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thought and hears our prayers.
We find strength for living as we praise God.

Lay down your arrogance and false pride.
 Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

We pour out our souls before the living God.
We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.
 The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.
As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

***OPENING HYMN #423 *Great is Your Faithfulness* (see end of bulletin)**

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

Our hearts exalt in you, O God. All knowledge has its origin in you. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as you give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant with you may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us courage to walk in your ways. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Good to Me* Craig Musseau

I cry out
for your hand of mercy to heal me,
for I am weak,
and I need your love to free me.
Oh Lord, my Rock,
my strength in weakness,
come rescue me oh Lord.

You are my hope, and your promise never fails me,
And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.

HEBREW LESSON

1Sam 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion,[£] *because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb.* ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD.[£] *Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.* ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite[£] *until the day of his death.* He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants,[£] *and no razor shall touch his head.*"

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters,[£] *ate and drank with her husband,[£] and her countenance was sad no longer.[£]*

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

¹Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.[£]
*My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my[£] victory.*

² "There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.[£]

*For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,
and on them he has set the world.*

⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,

but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰ The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High[£] *will thunder in heaven.*
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Good to Me (Reprise)

You are my hope, and your promise never fails me,
And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.

SERMON “Hannah’s Hope”

SERMON HYMN #119 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We are encouraged to give as God has blessed us, bringing our offerings, not to win God’s favor but to express our thanks, not out of habit but as a caring community that provokes one another to love and good deeds.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Sam. 2:1-10



- 1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
- 2 My God has done great things for me: yes, ho - ly is God's name.
- 3 From age to age, to all who fear, such mer - cy love im - parts,
- 4 Love casts the might-y from their thrones, pro-motes the in - se - cure,
- 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup-ports those in dis - tress,



God lift - ed up my low - li - ness in man - y mar-vel-ous ways.
 All peo - ple will de - clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 dis - pens-ing jus-tice far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 leaves hun - gry spir-its sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud-den-ly poor.
 re - mem-ber-ing past prom-is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

