



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: May 8, 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.*



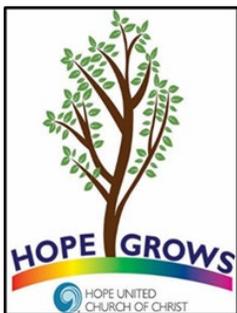
### **Youth Group Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Hope UCC's Youth Group will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 14 and following worship on Sunday, May 15. The funds raised will be divided between the UCC's Ukrainian Relief Fund and to defer the cost of their Summer Service/Learning Trip. Please spread the news to your friends and family in the area that if they are looking for delicious baked goods, Hope UCC is the place to be on May 14<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your support!

**Save the Date!!** – Ruth Circle will be meeting at 6:00p.m. on Monday, May 16!

**Calendar Correction:** Reel Theology will be held Friday, May 20, rather than May 19. As always, BYO Dinner is at 5:30. Movie starts at 6:00. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Book Club** book of the month is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin May 8, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*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:** Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us; come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**Many:** God awakens us and restores our souls. Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

**One:** The shepherd is calling us to new ventures. We are invited to a higher quality of life.

**Many:** We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

**One:** Come to drink from springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**Many:** Surely God will guide our search for truth. We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

\*OPENING HYMN #175 *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* (see end of bulletin)

\*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

**Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, do you hear 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 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*



*Raising Tabitha* by Mary Jane Miller, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.  
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-image-link.pl?RC=59685> Original source: <https://www.millericons.com/>

*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

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

**SERMON**

SERMON HYMN #581 *Lead Us from Death to Life* (see end of bulletin)

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives. Take time to count your blessings. The works of God are all around us. In these moments, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves and our substance to extend God's work on earth.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**One:** Go forward from this place as praying, caring people. Let good works and charity abound.

**Many: We believe God calls us to make a difference. God wants us to change the world.**

**One:** Your deeds bear witness to God's love. Others will believe because of your faith.

**Many: We trust the shepherd to lead and guide us. We look to God for the strength we need.**

**One:** Surely goodness and mercy will follow us. Our eternal home is part of us right now.

**Many: God's salvation has come to us. Alleluia! We will praise and honor our God forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

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# O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

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Fred Pratt Green, 1967

Matt. 8:5-13; 15:21-28; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 7:1-10; 9:37-43a

*Unison*

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to  
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our  
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we  
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be re -  
 bod - ies clam - or to be freed. Yet in our hearts we would con -  
 rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; Our com - mon life de - clares our  
 your com - mu - ni - ty may find The whole - ness that, en - rich - ing

stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
 ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 us, shall reach and pros - per hu - man - kind.

*Fred Pratt Green wrote this hymn in 1967 at the suggestion of the committee compiling Hymns and Songs, when they noted the need for a new healing text. Green immediately produced this prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.*

Tune: KENTRIDGE L.M.  
 Richard Gieseke, 1988  
 Alternate tune: TALLIS' CANON

581

## Lead Us from Death to Life

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar  
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.  
to Stanzas

Dm7                      G                      Em7                      Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries,      still all the an-gry guns,      still now your  
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts,      so man - y bro-ken lives,      long-ing for  
 3 Let jus-tice ev - er roll,      let mer-cy fill the earth,      let us be -

Dm7                      G7                      C                      Am                      Dm7

    peo-ple die,      earth's sons and daugh-ters.      Let jus-tice roll,      let  
 love to break      in - to their an - guish.      Come, teach us love,  
 gin to grow      in - to your peo - ple.      We can be love,

E7                      Am                      F      D7/F#      C/G                      G7                      C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down,      come and teach us      your way of com - pas-sion.  
 come, teach us peace,      come and teach us      your way of com - pas-sion.  
 we can bring peace,      we can still be      your way of com - pas-sion.

*The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER  
 12.11.9.10. with refrain  
 Marty Haugen, 1985