



Hope UCC Weekly Update: July 21st, 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.

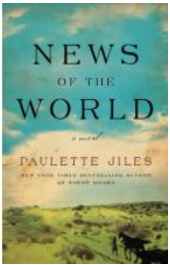
New Flower Calendar Available - Would you like to remember a loved one or a special occasion on a Sunday? We once again have a Flower Calendar sign up sheet available if you would like to bring flowers for the altar on a Sunday. The flowers can be from your yard, a bouquet from a store or florist, or even a plant. You are welcome to bring them home after the service. We will include your dedication in the bulletin that Sunday. The Flower Calendar is posted across from the church office. Thank you.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group will be meeting on Saturday, August 3rd, 8am, at Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis. Please contact Josh Powell at (309) 737-8378 to RSVP or if you have any further questions.

All Church Service Trip on September 21, 2024

We will once again be going to Aurora on Saturday, September 21st, to serve at **Feed My Starving Children**. Please see Barb Hawotte to sign up to go, or to get more information. Carpools will be available.

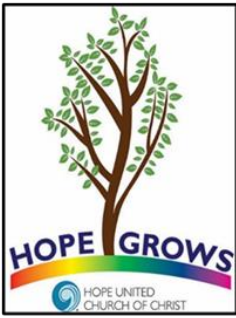


The Hope UCC Book Club July 29th at 6pm

Our Hope UCC Book Club will be meeting on Monday night, July 29th, at 6:00pm. The book selection for the month of July will be: **News of the World by Paulette Jiles**. It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. He is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed her parents and sister sparing the little girl. They raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U. S. Army, Johanna is once again being torn away from the only home she knows. The 400-mile journey is difficult and at times dangerous. She has forgotten the English language and tries to escape at every opportunity. This is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust.

August Newsletter

Please submit any announcements or articles of interest for the August Newsletter to Hope UCC's office no later than Monday, July 22nd. Also, if you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin they must be received by Tuesday prior to the Sunday Bulletin.



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Worship Bulletin July 21, 2024**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

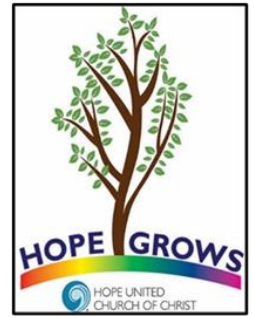
Not Now

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:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**Many: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the grace of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NCH#26 *We Worship You God*

ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

All: Almighty and most merciful God, We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against your holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us; Spare all who confess their faults, Restore those who are penitent, According to the promises of Christ Jesus our Savior: And grant, O most merciful God, for Jesus' sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Through Jesus Christ we have this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

Pastor: 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 – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

¹After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

Psalter: **Psalm 23. (Read responsively)**

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

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

**Many: 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.**

One: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Many: 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.**

*GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON: *Not Now*

SERMON HYMN: NCH#400 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church. *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.

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NCH#252 *Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

*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

Service Led By: Reverend Michael Swartz

Liturgist: Chris Green

Church Musician: Anne Johnson

Greeter: Angie Hammond

Fellowship Hour: Carole & Walt Lysell

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