



Hope UCC Weekly Update: June 26, 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.

Welcome Rev. Michael Swartz!

Rev. Swartz served as Pastor of Church of Peace UCC in Rock Island for over 20 years and most recently retired from First Congregational UCC in Moline after serving as their Associate Pastor for many years. We are happy to welcome him to Hope UCC! Rev. Swartz will provide pastoral care for any emergencies while Pastor Santina is away June 24-26. Please contact the church office or Council President Kathy LeMaster in case of emergency.

Mid-Year Giving Statements

We will soon begin compiling the giving statements for January-June. If you would like to receive your statement via email, please contact the church office and let Bridget know. If we do not hear from you, we will have your paper statement ready for you. Thank you for helping us to decrease our consumption of resources and decrease our environmental footprint in this small way.

Reminder! Book Club meets June 27 to discuss the book [The Last Chance Library](#) by Freya Sampson

Blessing Box Donations Needed Small jars of Peanut Butter, disposable razors, Pop Tarts, & Individually wrapped snack items like bars, nuts, snack crackers, or raisins.



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin June 26, 2022
Third 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**



David Fichter. Potluck Mural, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/zenmama/5429643508> - L. Sabato.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Call to mind the mighty acts of God. Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

Many: **All the ways of God are holy. Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.**

One: With a strong arm, God redeems the people. Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

Many: **Even when the earth trembles, God is with us. When lightning flashes, we are confident of God's care.**

One: We have inherited the mission of the prophets. We need the prophet's mantle from our God.

Many: **We have come to be equipped for our tasks. We have gathered for renewal of our lives.**

*OPENING HYMN #204 *"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said* (see end of bulletin)

*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

We cry aloud to you, O God. Hear our prayers. In times of trouble, we need your comfort. Amid our confusion, we seek your clarity. From temptations of the flesh, we beg for liberation. Lead us away from the false gods we create, that we may meet you're here with full expectancy and eager responsiveness. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are so self-centered that we cannot be centered selves. We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. We consume other people instead of loving them. We bite and devour while you call us to build relationships and delight in your love. Set us free, O God, from the sin that binds 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*

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

2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, 53 but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SERMON “They Don’t Make Them Like They Used To” by Rev. Michael Swartz

SERMON HYMN #171 *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The way to Jerusalem was costly for Jesus. The way of Christian faithfulness is costly today. It requires nothing less than the full commitment of our lives. Our offering is a symbol of our life in the Spirit, our total commitment to the reign of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we did not know it would cost so much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in your realm. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: Walk by the Spirit, showing the fruit of the Spirit, giving thanks to God in all circumstances.

Many: We will call to mind the many deeds of God. We will meditate on the wonderful works of God.

One: As those who belong to Jesus Christ, inherit the realm of God and share it.

Many: God walks with us on our daily journey. God makes a path for us through deep waters.

One: God grants true freedom to those who love, who walk in faithfulness all their days.

Many: We accept the prophet’s mantle to empower us. We receive the Spirit’s gifts to guide us.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Mark 8:34

Charles W. Everest, 1883; alt.

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
 spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength will bear your
 fool - ish pride be still; For Christ did not re -
 death to lay it down, For on - ly those who

will - ing heart and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 spir - it up and brace your heart, sup - port your arm.
 fuse to die up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Charles Everest, after graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, was rector of a parish in Hamden, Connecticut, for thirty-one years. This sermon in verse is from his collection of hymns titled *Visions of Death and Other Poems*.

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.
 Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753

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Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

*Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15**Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.*

1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the
 2 As of old, Saint An - drew
 3 Je - sus calls us from the
 4 In our joys and in our
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your

tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by
 heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from
 wor - ship of the trea - sures we a - dore, From each
 sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease, Je - sus
 mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear your call, Give our

day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low
 home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus'
 i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me
 calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than
 hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and love you best of

David Hurd is an internationally recognized organist and composer who has served on the faculty of General Theological Seminary and Manhattan School of Music. This tune was composed especially for this text and should be performed simply, like a folk song.

Tune: ST. ANDREW 8.7.8.7.7.

David Hurd, 1980

Alternate setting: GALILEE

Last time only

me," say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 sake, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 more," say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 these, Chris-tian, love me more than these."
 all, serve and love you best of all.

Last time only