



Hope UCC Weekly Update: September 12, 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.



QC Pride Parade September 11

Join your church community and our sister UCC ONA congregations as we show our love and support for our QC LGBTQIA family, friends, and neighbors as we march together in the QC Unity Pride Parade. The parade begins at 11:00 A.M. Want to carpool to the parade? Please meet at Hope UCC at 9:30 A.M. We'll get dropped off

at the starting point and picked up at the end for a ride back to church. If you'd like to meet us at the parade starting point, please meet us no later than 11:00 A.M. As soon as we get the location details from the parade organizers, we'll let you know where we'll be. We are working on a float for the parade so that all can participate regardless of physical ability. If you'd rather watch and enjoy the parade instead of march in it, that's great too. Please let Pastor Santina know if you'd like to be part of this special event!



Kick Off Sunday at Riverside Park – September 12

Join us for outdoor worship at Riverside Park as we celebrate our Kick Off of the new program year! Now that football season is starting, let's have some fun by wearing your favorite team's shirt, accessory, jersey, colors, or hat. Am I missing anything? Professional, college, high school teams all count. Full disclosure: I don't have a favorite team. 😊 However, I will definitely be enjoying the spirit of the day and getting ready to kick off a great year with our church community! We will gather at the Western Pavilion at Riverside Park (just west of the swimming pool) for our 10:00 a.m. worship. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at this service. Please bring a chair and a picnic lunch. Remember to invite a friend! Of course, in case of rain, we will meet in Hope UCC's sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Pastor Santina in the church office or any of

our Worship and Music Ministry team members.

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study Returns September 14

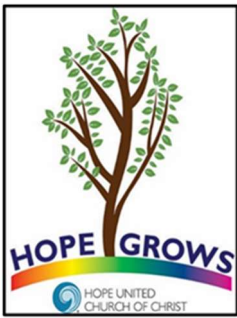
Join us for our weekly discussion and study of the scripture that will be the focus of Sunday worship. We meet each week (mostly) on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. for this time of learning, exploration, and fellowship. Our meeting schedule is Tuesdays at 10 A.M. EXCEPT on the 3rd week of the month when we meet on Wednesday at 10 A.M. This is not a 'formal' Bible study and sometimes we leave with more questions than when we started, so if that sounds about right to you, please consider joining us! Please see Pastor Santina if you have any questions or would like more information about the Lectionary study group.

Reel Theology Begins September 17th: In the Heights



Our first gathering will be Friday, September 17th and we will begin with the film adaptation of the blockbuster musical *In the Heights*. This film is the 2021 American musical based on the stage musical of the same name by Quiara Alegría Hudes and Lin-Manuel Miranda. The film tells the story of a corner in the predominantly Dominican Washington Heights neighborhood of Upper Manhattan in New York City, where every member of the community pursues their dreams of a better life.

Although we cannot begin with our usual potluck dinner, you are welcome to bring your own dinner and we can eat together at 5:30. The film will begin at 6:00 with the discussion to follow. All ages are welcome but please remember that this film is rated PG-13, so plan accordingly.



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
 Worship Bulletin September 12, 2021
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"For the Love of God: Be the Church"
 Thank you for joining us for worship today.

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
 Forgive often. **Reject racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
 Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

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**

We are God's church:

We come together to worship.

God has given us God's Word:

We come together to learn from God.

God has filled us with God's love:

We go out to share God's love with others.

God calls us into God's family:

We come together to share our lives.

God has put God's words on our lips:

We go out to tell the world about God.

God has given us God's Spirit:

We come together to celebrate and live the Good News.

We are God's church:

We come together to worship. We come together to be the church.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come In, Come In (Part of the Family)* verses 1&3

Chorus

Come in come in and sit down

You are a part of the family

We are lost and we are found

And we are a part of the family

You know the reason why you came

Yet no reason can explain

So share in the laughter and cry in the pain

For we are a part of the family (Chorus)

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine

We are the branches Christ is the vine

This is God's temple it's not yours or mine

But we are a part of the family (Chorus)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

God, our compassionate encourager: In your mercy and with your love for creation we pray that you will disturb us and rouse us from our sleep as we worship together today. Lift us into consciousness of your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so that, at the sound of your voice, at the call of our name, we will never be the same nor will our world be unchanged. As we are your church - your people, let us hear your still speaking voice encouraging us and calling us to live your Word. May our worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:38-47

³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions

and goods and distribute the proceeds[£] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home[£] and ate their food with glad and generous[£] hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN *One Bread, One Body* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The ways we use the wealth entrusted to us teach even more than our words. What messages do our offerings send to the world? Do they communicate our delight in knowing God and following the Christ?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling all of us to a right relationship with you, O God, the source of all wisdom and truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from you and to serve you is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

REMEMBER

CONSECRATION

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated through an open table at Hope UCC. All are invited to share this holy meal.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *With a Little Help from My Friends* (Beatles) congregation sings (see end of bulletin)

*BENEDICTION

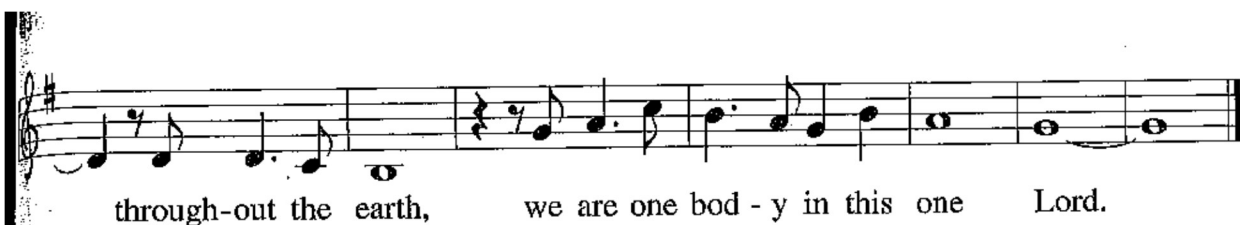
POSTLUDE

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One Bread, One Body



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

WORDS AND MUSIC BY
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MODERATE SWING FEEL (♩ = ♩)



WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IF I SANG OUT OF TUNE? WOULD YOU STAND -
WHAT DO I DO WHEN MY LOVE IS A - WAY? (DOES IT WOR -
(WOULD YOU BE - LIEVE IN 'A LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?) YES I'M CER -



— UP AND WALK OUT ON ME? —
— RY YOU TO BE A - LONE? —
— TAIN THAT IT HAP - PENS ALL THE TIME.

LEND ME YOUR EARS AND I'LL SING —
HOW DO I FEEL BY THE END —
(WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU TURN —



— YOU A SONG AND I'LL TRY NOT TO SING OUT OF KEY. —
— OF THE DAY? (ARE YOU SAD BE - CAUSE YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN?) —
— OUT THE LIGHT? I CAN'T TELL YOU BUT I KNOW IT'S MINE. —



— OH, I GET BY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —
— NO, I GET BY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —
— OH, I GET BY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —



— MM, I GET HIGH WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —
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— MM, I'M GON - NA TRY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —
— MM, I'M GON NA TRY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —
— OH, I'M GON - NA TRY WITH A LIT - TLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. —

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