



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: June 13, 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*

### **Celebrate with the Demarest Family on Sunday, June 13th!**

Betsy, Stacy, and the whole Demarest crew invite you to join them in celebrating Tyler and Mackenzie's graduations from United Township High School on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 -3:00 P.M. The celebration will be at Leisure Time Billiards 845 Avenue of the Cities in East Moline. What a joy to be able to be together to celebrate!

### **Hope UCC Welcomes the Child Abuse Council to Hope UCC on June 27**

Representatives from the QC Child Abuse Council will join us for worship on June 27 and tell us about their many important programs. We will take a special free will collection for the Child Abuse Council throughout the month of June and present it to this wonderful and vital organization when they are with us on June 27. Please indicate on either the memo line of your check or on your envelope that your gift is designated for the Child Abuse Council. Thank you for your support and for the warm welcome Hope UCC will offer on June 27.

### **Would You Like to Learn Something New and Cool?**

We would like to train folks how to use the audio visual equipment in the sanctuary. It is easier than you think! MJ Poor is ready to show you the ropes and it is very important to have others available to operate the equipment on Sundays. Please let Pam in the church office or Pastor Santina or MJ Poor know if you are interested and we will set up a time to go through everything. Thank you!

### **The Power of Invitation**

Please remember that the most effective form of evangelism is a simple invitation to someone to come to church on Sunday. As we continue to livestream and gather in person for worship, it is even easier – you can invite your friends to attend even if they live out of town. Hope UCC has much to offer our community as we live out our call to love and care for God's creation as Jesus teaches us. Sharing that love through an invitation to worship is one way we accomplish this. 😊



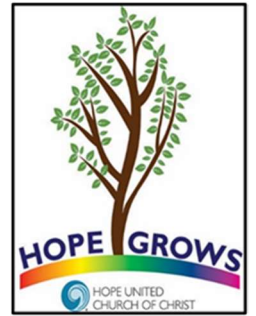
Erich Brauer. *Samuel Anoints David*,  
from Art in the Christian Tradition,  
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL**  
**Worship Bulletin June 13, 2021**  
**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!*



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to God! Come to make music to our Creator.

**Many: God knows our troubles and remembers our need. Our petitions are answered and our hearts' desires fulfilled.**

One: Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Seek God's help in the sanctuary.

**Many: We know that God will help the anointed ones. Our pride is in God alone.**

One: Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again. How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**Many: God will respond when we call. We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

**We turn to you, God of all worlds, knowing we can depend on you when earthly rulers stumble and fall, when other relationships are strained and broken, when we are faced with difficult challenges. It is good to sing your praises, even when we do not feel like singing. It is good to declare your faithfulness when we have been unfaithful. It is good to give thanks, for when we do, we are reminded of the multitude of blessings we so often take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all truth, who can stand before you? We judge by outward appearances, but you examine our hearts. We see what is on the surface, but you discern beauty deep within. We measure importance by paychecks, but you find value among those we deem lowly and insignificant. You offer us the deep and profound joy of living in your realm. We forget your promises and turn to pursuits that separate us from you and destroy community. We seek forgiveness and a new direction for our lives. 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.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC    *Sarabande* - Bach

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 LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

<sup>34</sup>Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SERMON “Do You See What I See?”

SERMON HYMN #417 *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* (see end of bulletin)

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

God remembers our offerings of genuine thankfulness and regards with favor the sacrifices we make to extend God’s realm. We give, not out of compulsion, but with joy. Whatever our age or circumstances, we have something to give. Let us give thanks as we present our tithes and offerings.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church’s use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

One: Share your mustard-seed faith with the world. God will make of it more than you can imagine.

**Many: We will dare to speak of God’s love. We will seek to live out the love of Christ.**

One: In Christ, we are a new creation. Our dried-up faith has received new life.

**Many: The mighty have been toppled from power. The humble and lowly have been lifted up.**

One: Walk by faith, not by sight. God will add to your understanding day by day.

**Many: We will seek to view others as God sees them. We will claim them as sisters and brothers.**

#### POSTLUDE

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## This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

*Unison*

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987