



## **Hope UCC Weekly Update: January 9, 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.*

## **Annual Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Revised Proposed 2022 Budget Available Now**

Please make sure you pick up or download a copy of Hope UCC's revised proposed 2022 Budget this weekend in preparation for our Annual Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship. The proposed budget is available in hard copy in the church office during the week or on the Greeter's Table on Sunday. It is also available as a link on Hope UCC's website: [www.hopeuccqc.org](http://www.hopeuccqc.org). Copies of the Annual Report will be available prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will take place immediately following worship on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will also be available via Zoom with the following link:

Topic: Hope UCC Annual Meeting Jan 23, 2022

Time: Jan 23, 2022 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88597513538?pwd=bVVMNVlVkgwRnR2dTcxRjFzTHFVQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 9751 3538

Passcode: 031858

If you have any questions about the proposed budget or its revisions, please contact our Treasurer, Bob Tallitsch, or Pastor Santana. Thank you!

## **Reel Theology January 21: CODA**



Join us to watch and discuss the compelling and thoughtful film, *CODA*, on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

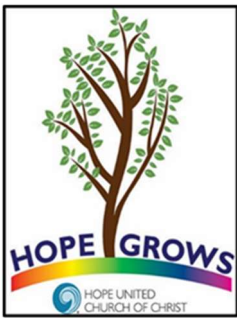
This film is about Ruby, identified as a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults). Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her love of music by wanting to go to Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents. This film is rated PG-13. As usual, bring your own dinner at 5:30 if you would like to eat together before the film begins at 6:00.

## **Ken & Marcia Curtis' New Address**

4800 Grand Avenue

Bldg. I #101

Davenport, IA 52807



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin January 9, 2022  
First Sunday after Epiphany**

*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:** Gather from East and West, from North and South. God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

**Many:** The voice of God thunders through our midst. The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

**One:** Bow in awe before the one who created you. God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

**Many:** The voice of God commands our attention. The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

**One:** God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us. God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

**Many:** Ascribe to God glory and strength. Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

**\*OPENING HYMN #153 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* (see end of bulletin)**

**\*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

**God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. 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 LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-7

- <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.
- <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia<sup>c</sup> and Seba in exchange for you.
- <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,<sup>£</sup> <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with<sup>£</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>£</sup> with you I am well pleased."<sup>£</sup>

SERMON:

SERMON HYMN #164 *Arise Your Light Is Come* (see end of bulletin)

INVITAION TO OFFERING:

God has granted us from East and West, from North and South, to offer our best in worship and praise. Now we bring the fruits of our labor as an offering of thanks. We invest in people and programs, near and far, to benefit God's scattered children who have missed the majesty. Let our generosity aspire to match the lavish gifts of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen**

\*BENEDICTION

One: Dare to face the world in joyous freedom. You have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Many: We pray for courage to do what is right. We seek the strength to witness for peace.**

One: We are God's beloved children. Let us seek to live in ways that are pleasing to God.

**Many: God has created us for glory. We will worship the God of power and strength.**

One: Even now God's hand of blessing rests on us. The dove of peace descends upon us.

**Many: We welcome the Spirit's presence among us. We celebrate the Spirit's work within us. Praise God.**

Amen. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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# 153 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

*Isa. 11:1-6; Matt. 2:1-11; Luke 2:8-14*

*John Bell and Graham Maule, 1990; alt.*

1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-form and save the earth  
 2 Shep-herds watch and sag-es won-der, mon-archs scorn and an-gels sing;  
 3 Cen-tu-ries of skill and sci-ence span the past from which we move,

might not be a plan or ar-my proud in pur-pose, proved in worth?  
 such a place as none would reck-on hosts a ho-ly, help-less thing;  
 yet ex-per-ience ques-tions wheth-er with such prog-ress we im-prove.

Who would think, de-spite de-ri-sion, that a child should lead the way?  
 Sta-ble beasts and pass-ing stran-gers watch a ba-by laid in hay;  
 In our search for sense and mean-ing, lest our hopes and hu-mor fray,

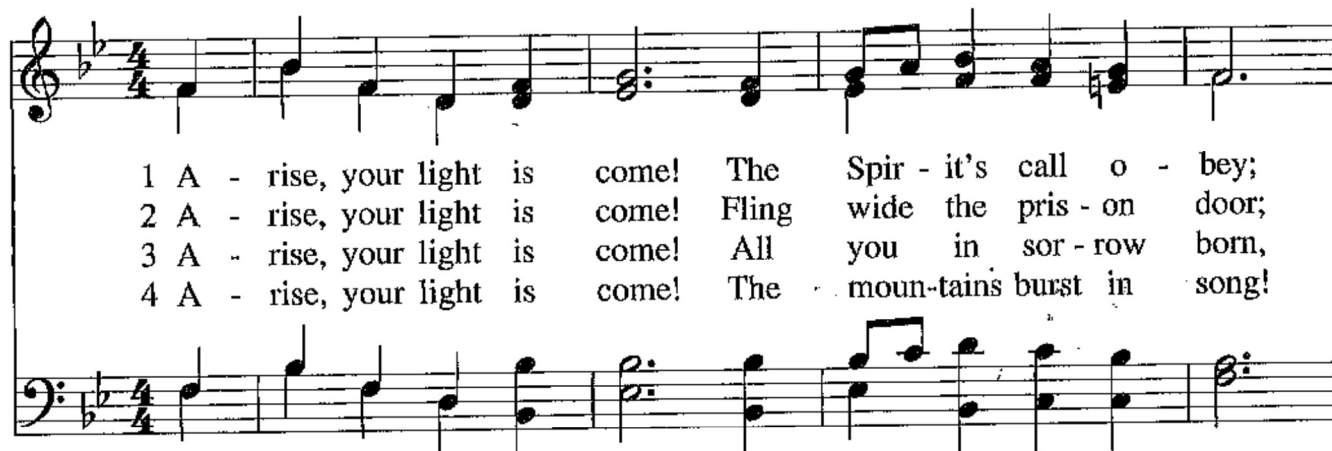
God sur-pris-es earth with heav-en, com-ing here on Christ-mas Day.  
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*This song was written by The Iona Community in Scotland, which frequently develops hymn texts through a collaborative process, often employing traditional tunes from the British Isles such as "Scarlet Ribbons."*

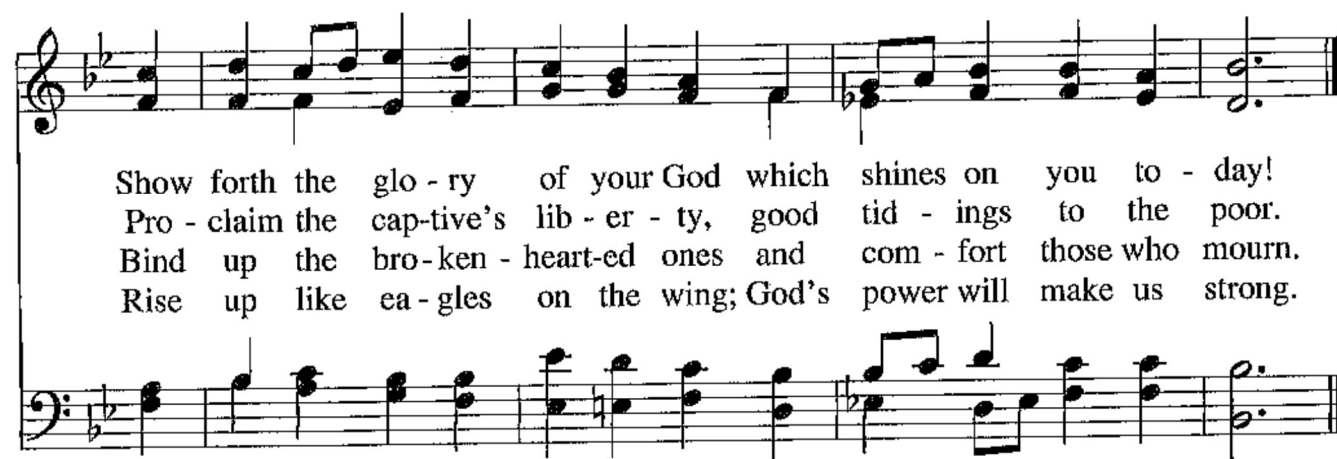
Tune: SCARLET RIBBONS 8.7.8.7.D.  
*English traditional melody*  
 Arr. John Bell and others, 1990

## 164

## Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*


1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.  
*William Walter, 1872*

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