



Hope UCC Weekly Update: July 31, 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.

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Suzanne Cutler. Suzanne passed away on Wednesday, July 20 at her farm in West Liberty, Iowa. Suzanne's life was celebrated with a small graveside service on Monday, July 25. If you would like to send a card or note to Suzanne's daughter, Rebecca, her address is available in the church office.

RUTH CIRCLE DINNER - EVERYONE WELCOME

Ruth Circle is having a summer dinner night on August 15, 2022. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be in Ruth Circle to come. We will be meeting at 5:00 at River House - 1510 River Dr. Moline. No meeting, just a social outing, we hope many will join us, it is always a fun night. Any questions or to let us know you will be attending please call or see Sheila Goderis or Kathy LeMaster. We will need to know how many are attending to make our reservation. Hope to see many of you there.

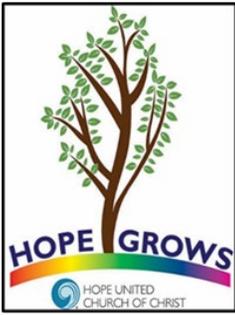
Blessing Box Donations

Thank you for your ongoing support with donations. Please keep it coming. This week's needs include: deodorant, dental floss, applesauce cups, canned stew and Spam, and cereal bars.

**GATHERED AT THE TABLE:
THE HOLY EXPERIENCE OF SHARING FOOD**



Join us for our new second service, *Gathered*, a monthly dinner church worship service beginning July 31 at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. This all ages service will include prayers, scripture, Holy Communion, and discussion of the scripture during a meal together.



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Eighth 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**



The Last Supper by Watanabe Sadao

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is with us always and calls out to each of us by name.

Many: We are called to gather at the Table.

One: God is with us and calls us by name.

Many: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone.

One: God is with us and calls us by name. God feeds and heals us.

Many: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN #702** *We Come as Guests Invited* (see end of bulletin)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

Lord of Hope and Light, when our faith ancestors were held captive and lived in fear, you brought them into the light of freedom and hope with the promise of a new life in a new land. As Jesus and his disciples remembered your loving care for your people at the Last Supper, we join together today and do the same. As your light comes to us and fills us, open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. We gather at the Table but forget that Jesus taught us there is room for everyone there. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

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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.)*

WELCOMING AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We invite forward those who have decided to join with us as members Hope United Church of Christ.

Congregational Affirmation:

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together In God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Unison Blessing Prayer:

O God, we praise you for calling us to both seek and serve you, and for gathering us into this church. Together may we grow in your Spirit, building one another up in love and ministering to the world as followers of Jesus. Amen.

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.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 22:7-23

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." 9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" 10 "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters 11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." 13 So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. 14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. 22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

SERMON “Holy Communion – Then and Now”

SERMON HYMN #429 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

God tells us over and over in the Bible not to be afraid. Our gifts this morning are one way that we trust God even in a world that keeps telling us to be afraid. We let go of thinking that we are on our own, and live each day in graceful dependence on God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

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

Holy God, source of all good things, we ask that the gifts we offer to you this day would be dedicated to bringing your kingdom of love, justice, and compassion into being in our midst. We acknowledge that when this service is over, it will be tempting to put our blinders back on, keep our focus on what’s right in front of us, and not see that which is all around us. Help us to see and understand how you are calling us to respond in your love. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen

BENEDICTION

One: People of hope and peace, go into the world.

Many: We will bring God's healing love to all whom we meet.

One: Help us to always make room at the Table.

Many: Your Table is big enough for all.

One: At that Table we feel Christ’s embrace and renewal.

Many: We are strengthened for the journey. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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We Come as Guests Invited 702

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken, the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Fine

1. With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude.
2. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
3. The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
4. You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

D.C.

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FINEST WHEAT
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