



Hope UCC Weekly Update: October 1st, 2023

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.

Bruce Vantine's CORNERSTONE CHORALE AND BRASS

www.cornerstonechorale.org

A nationally auditioned professional ensemble of 20 singers, 6 instrumentalists and narrator present more than a concert — words of inspiration in a rich musical setting.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Hope United Church of Christ

Tickets: \$5.00 General Admission

Tickets available online
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Singles and Double Annual Wiener Roast, Saturday, October 14th at 5:00 pm

Singles and Double will be holding our annual wiener roast on Saturday, October 14th at 5:00 pm. All adults are invited. There will be hot dogs, condiments, chips and a s'mores bar. Our own Bob Poor will be providing some sing-a-long music. You may want to bring a chair and whatever you want to drink. Side dishes are welcomed but not necessary. Plates, napkins, and plasticware will be provided. Please let me know if you plan to attend. If inclement weather we will move inside.

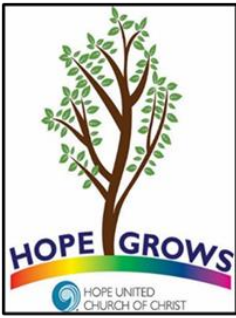
Women's Retreat Saturday, October 21!

Please see registration form, due October 8th, available in Church office and on line.

Hope UCC Book Club



New York Times bestselling author Megan Miranda returns with a gripping and propulsive thriller that opens with the disappearance of a journalist who is investigating a string of vanishings in the resort town of Cutter's Pass—will its dark secrets finally be revealed?



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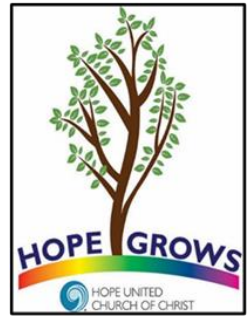
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF JOY

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!



***You may stand.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SETTING THE TABLE

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Come to the Table of Grace

First Line: Come to the ta - ble of joy. (Chords: F, C7, F, F7/C)

Second Line: Come to the ta - ble of joy. (Chords: B♭, C, F, C)

Third Line: This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine. (Chords: F, B♭/F, F7, B♭, B♭7)

Fourth Line: Come to the ta - ble of joy. (Chords: F/C, C7, F, F)

WORDS and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm

TABLE OF GRACE
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TAKING OUR PLACE AT THE TABLE

One: We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits as Christ's followers.

Many: We lift our hearts to be filled with joy and praise!

One: We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

Many: We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.

One: We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

Many: We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

*OPENING HYMN

Table of Plenty

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE 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.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORDS PRAYER

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.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Many: As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story 'til we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

SERMON

Family Dinner

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crowded Table by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We Gather

One: Friends, God is ever present with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: We must breathe to live and as close as our very breath, God is ever-present with us, reminding us that there is always room for us, room for all. So we lift up our hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy Living One because it is the right thing to do, not only now, but always, for "always" is when God is with us.

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

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

We Remember

We Bless the Holy Meal

One: Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other and creation:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Let us pray...

We Share the Holy Meal

*Hope UCC celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion with an Open Table –
all are invited to share this holy feast.*

We Offer Thanks

Many: As we have been shown the joy of Jesus, may we take on the mantle of joy in our own lives, providing wellbeing and healing for the sorrows of this world. We have been fed. We have been nourished. We have been transformed. It is with Great Thanks that we have come to this table. Amen!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As Christ gave up selfish ambition and conceit for human beings like us, may we offer our best for sisters and brothers who need the message we can send and the practical help we can provide through our offerings.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach our helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT: Tyson Danner

CLOSING HYMN: NCH #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (see end of bulletin)

BENEDICTION

One: This Table of Joy requires much of us.

Many: It asks us not to rely on expecting to feel good all the time in order to do good in the world.

It shows us that we can have fuller, more invigorating lives when we choose to cultivate a practice of joy by staying fully present to ourselves and one another.

One: Let us always stay open to the unexpected movements of Spirit.

Many: The grace of God abounds! The invitation of Christ is wide!

One: The power of the transforming Spirit will surprise us every time!

Many: May the blessings of joy we find here go with us and move through us to others wherever we go this week. Amen

*SENDING OUT AFFIRMATION NCH #81 *God Be With You* (see end of bulletin)

Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist: Carole Keenan

Greeter: Brian Williams

Fellowship Hour: Dick and Phebe Head; Kathy Negaard

Audio-Visual Ministry: Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson,
Bob Poor

TABLE OF PLENTY

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta -
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses



1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; & come to
 3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
 4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
 2. drink with-out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
 3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
 4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

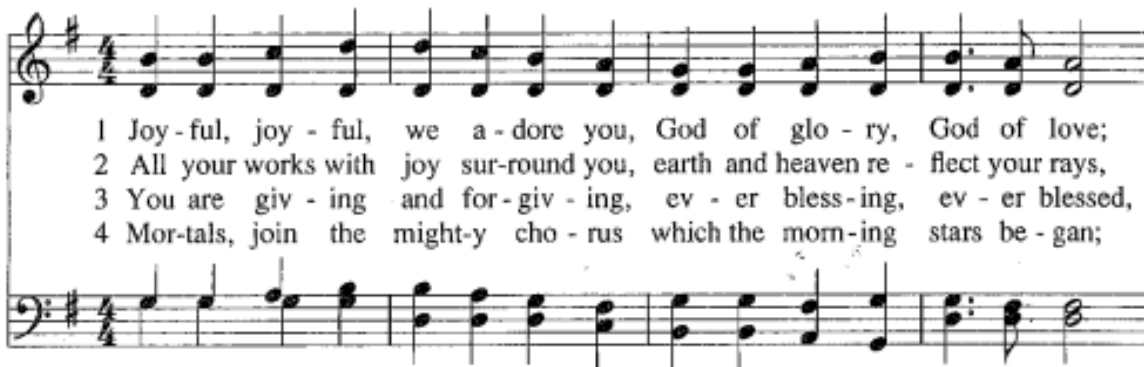
GOD

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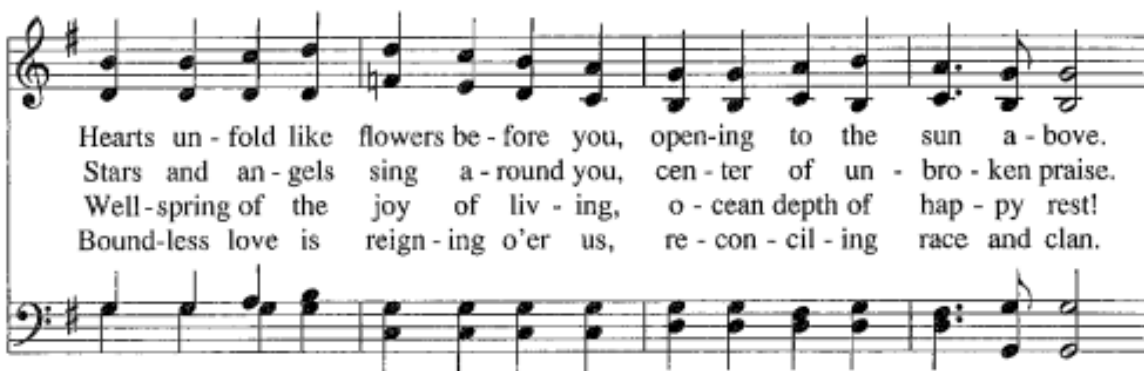
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

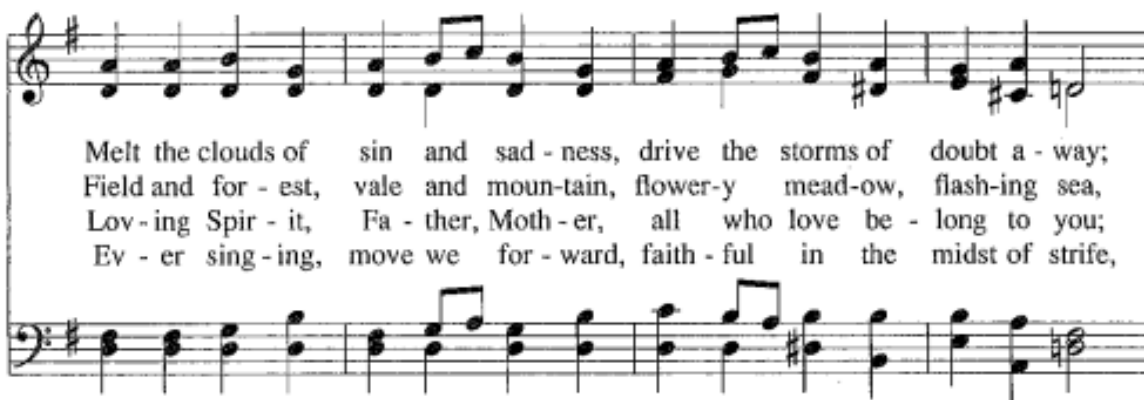
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



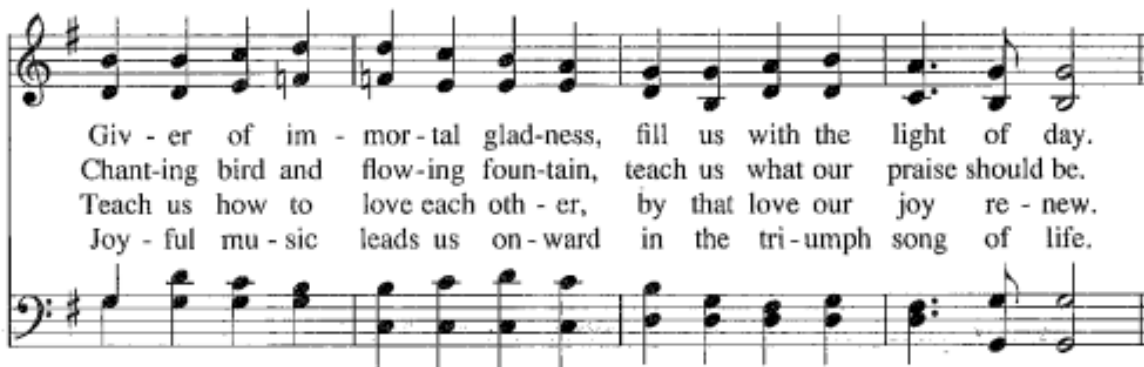
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



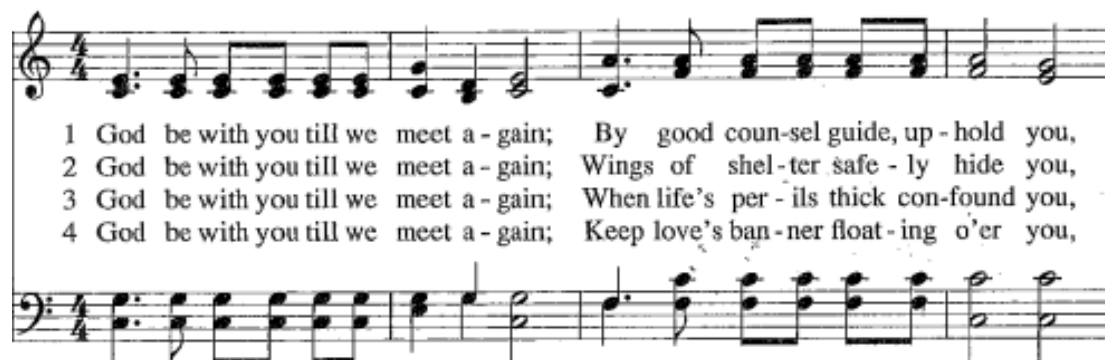
Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

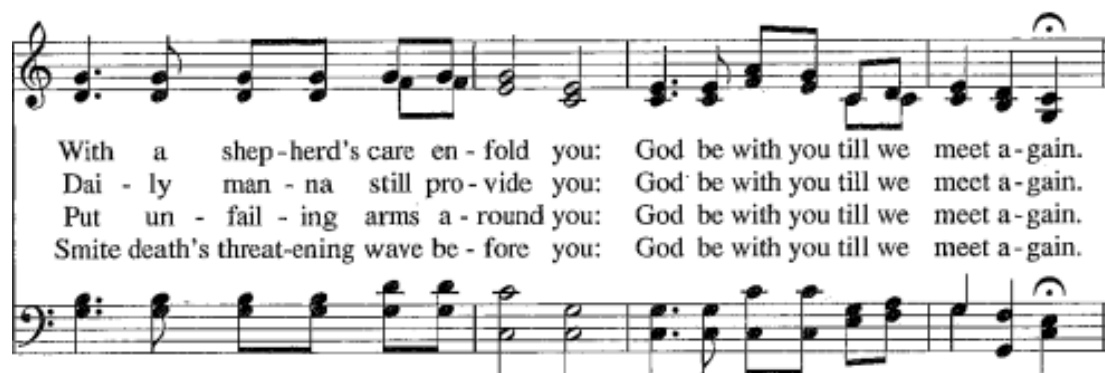
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 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

God Be with You

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Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880