



Hope UCC Weekly Update: August 7, 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.

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, Pop Tarts, canned chicken, peanut butter, and protein/snack/cereal bars of any kind.

Book Club Book of the Month

"The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis. This book can be found at the Moline Library in the Book Club section. And remember to join us August 29 with a friend for discussion.

Pastor Santina's August Schedule

Pastor Santina will be out of town following worship August 7-9 and 17-18. Rev. Lisa Gaston will be available for any pastoral care emergencies. Please contact the church office (309-762-1419) or Church Council President, Kathy Lemaster (309-738-6585) in case of any emergencies and they will connect you with Rev. Gaston. Please remember that church office hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. daily so if you have a need after 12:00 p.m. please contact Kathy.

Pastor Santina will take her study leave the week of August 22-27. She will be available for pastoral care needs during that week.



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Gathered at the Table
Water into Wine: Holy Transformation at the
Table

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**



Wedding Miracle at Cana by Ronald Raab

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come to the feast.

Many: God welcomes us here.

One: Come to be fed.

Many: Christ nourishes us with love.

One: Come to be transformed.

Many: The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.

***OPENING HYMN #448 *Take My Life, God Let It Be* (see end of bulletin)**

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

God of Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life, and joy. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with your promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine, that we may flow with abundant love. Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In hope and gratitude, we pray. 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.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. 9 When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON "Feasting Together"

SERMON HYMN #459 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Whether your jars are empty or full of wine, whether your gifts seem mighty or small, they are gifts to be treasured and shared, just as we are gifts to be treasured and shared. Let us share ourselves and our gifts with the world this day.

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

God of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our communion liturgy will be a little different today. The beautiful hymn Jesus Took the Bread will guide us through the sacramental liturgy. Ben will sing the hymn with Pastor Santana adding spoken prayers to the sung liturgy. The congregation will sing the final verse of the hymn together after we share the bread and cup. We will offer the Prayer of Thanksgiving together following the conclusion of the hymn.

REMEMBER

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

BLESSING

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

Hope UCC shares Holy Communion with an Open Table. All are welcome to share this holy meal. Gluten free wafers are available next to communion trays.

VERSE 3 Jesus Took the Bread

Jesus gives the bread at our table still,

Gives the cup to those who seek God's loving will.

Let us go in peace; let us freely give,

Sharing love with all the world daily as we live.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Many: 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.

BENEDICTION

One: As we have been filled go now and fill the world.

Many: We will fill the world with Love.

One: At God's Table, we all see what is possible.

Many: We know and share the hope God's love makes possible.

One: Through Christ, we have found new life.

Many: God transforms the world through us. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Take My Life, God, Let It Be


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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.


Rom. 12:1



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
 2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
 3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
 4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
 Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
 Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.



Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

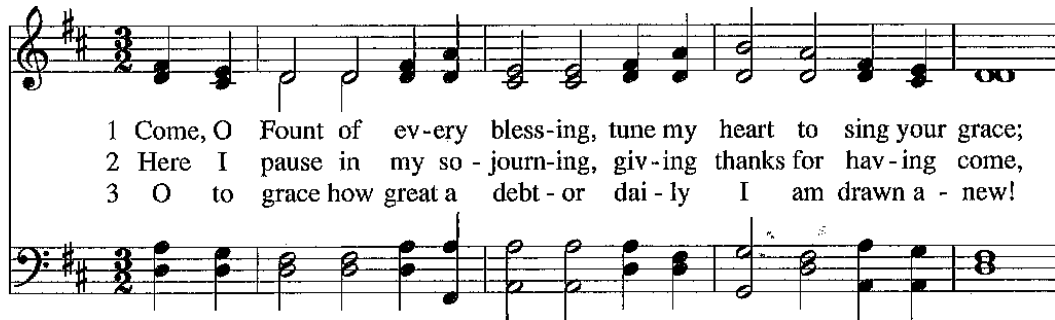
Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
 Justin H. Knecht, 1797
 Alternate tune: HENDON

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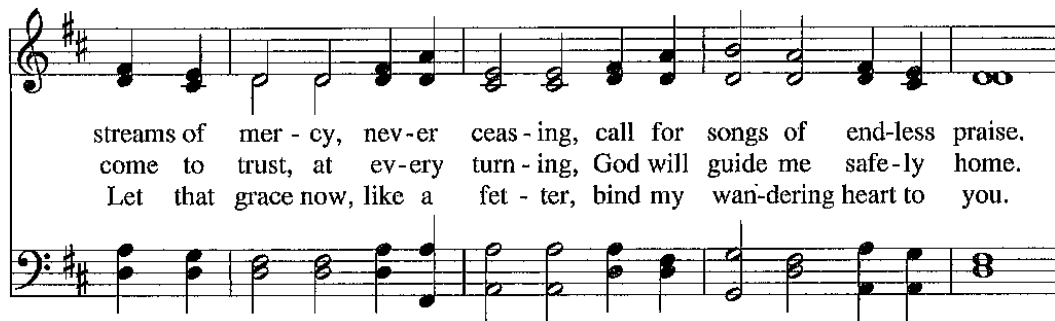
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

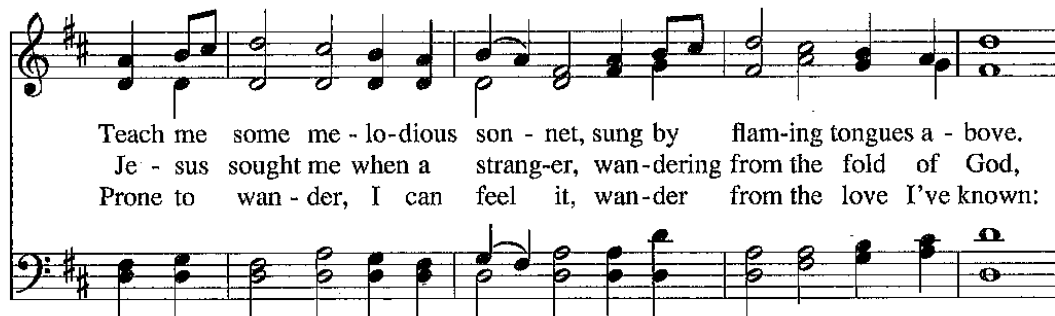
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



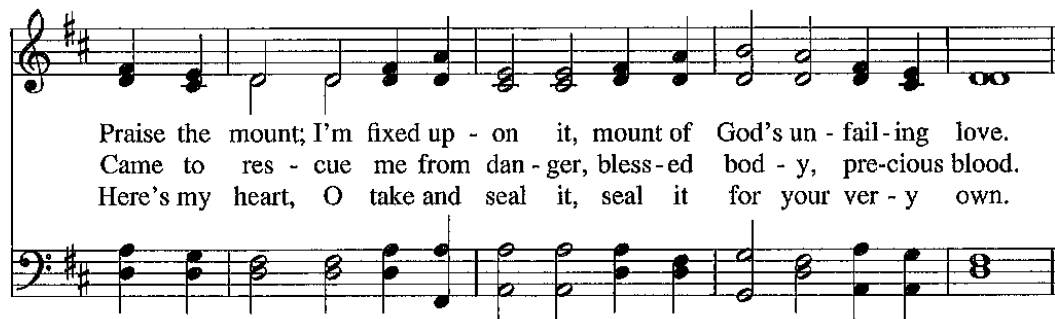
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813