



Hope UCC Weekly Update: September 25, 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.

All Church Service Trip: September 24!

All ages are welcome to join Mission & Outreach as we travel to Aurora to serve at Feed My Starving Children. We will meet at Hope UCC at 9:45 a.m. and carpool to the worksite in Aurora, have lunch and then begin our shift that begins at 2:00 and concludes at 3:45. There are jobs for everyone, whether you are able to stand for the entire shift or need to sit while you help. This is a wonderful opportunity for our love for others to be shared out in the world. The food we help pack on this trip will be sent to one of the many partner organizations Feed My Starving Children works with as they help bring nutritious meals to areas facing food insecurity which is, sadly, an ever-increasing crisis due to war, climate crisis, and disease. Join us to serve together, living out our call to love God and love others. Sign up by calling the church office or seeing Barb Hawotte following worship. Any questions? Please see Pastor Santina or any of the members of the M&O Ministry team: Barb, Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Kathy Hobson, Sue Grchan, Brian Williams, Ginny Anderson.

Blessing Box Donations

Thank you for your ongoing support with donations. Please keep it coming. This week's needs include: canned fruit/applesauce cups, canned stew/chili, dental floss, and Pop Tarts.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will honor the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, with a Blessing of the Animals throughout the day.

All pets and their caretakers are invited to meet with Pastor Santina on Tuesday, October 4, from 8:00-9:30 A.M. or 11:30A.M-3:30 P.M. or 5:00 - 6:00P.M. Weather permitting there will be a table set up near the Blessing Box. If it is raining, we'll be inside the building.

Bring your pets and tell your friends to bring theirs to church for a special blessing that day.

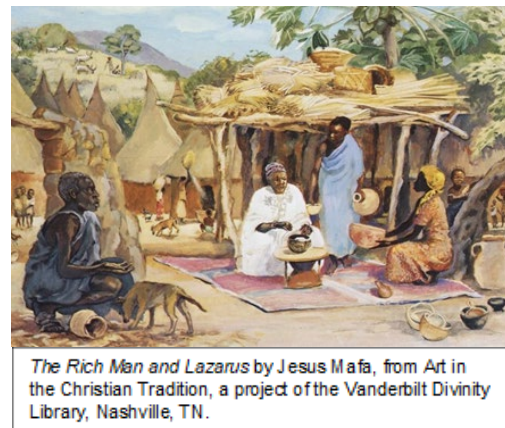




**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
*Faith Building***

*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 Rich Man and Lazarus by Jesus Mafa, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High. Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

Many: **God reigns through all generations. We will praise God as long as we live.**

One: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress. We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

Many: **God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid. We call to God for protection and rescue.**

One: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things. Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

Many: **God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever. We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.**

*OPENING HYMN #436 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (see end of bulletin)

*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

Ever-present God, let your Spirit fill this place, for we need to know that you are in charge. Through the terrors of night, amid the arrows that fly by day, we need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose. Show us here your saving, healing strength. Grant to us such confidence and contentment that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. 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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. 9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. 5 You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day 6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. 16 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

SERMON “Full of Faith”

SERMON HYMN #433 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Because love of money is the root of all evil, we seek to make wealth a tool for accomplishing good more than for accumulating things. Because we have been blessed in order that we might share, we bring our offerings with gratitude and rejoicing. Let us give thanks with glad and generous hearts.

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

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: Pursue righteousness and godliness, today and always. Face life with gentleness and endurance.

Many: **The love of God sends us out to share love. The riches of God inspire our generosity.**

One: Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life in the midst of every day.

Many: **We are called to life with eternity in it. We are blessed with God’s presence always.**

One: Good works and caring contain their own blessing. Our lives dance with meaning when we share.

Many: **We rejoice in God’s healing touch. We give thanks for salvation so richly given. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *On Eagles Wings* (see end of bulletin)

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God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

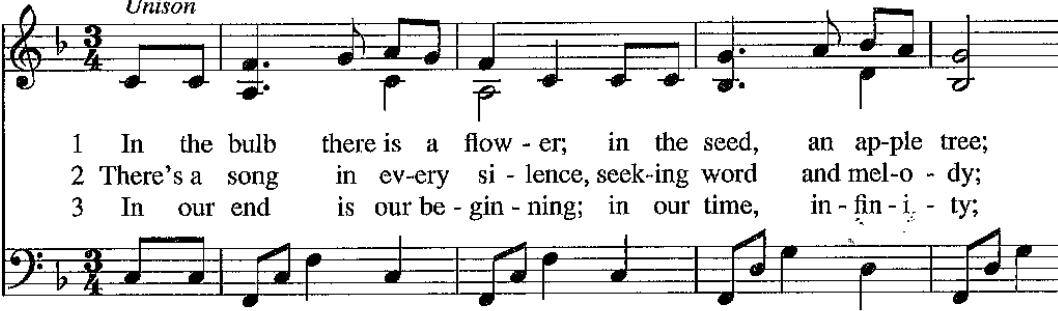
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 John Hughes, c. 1907

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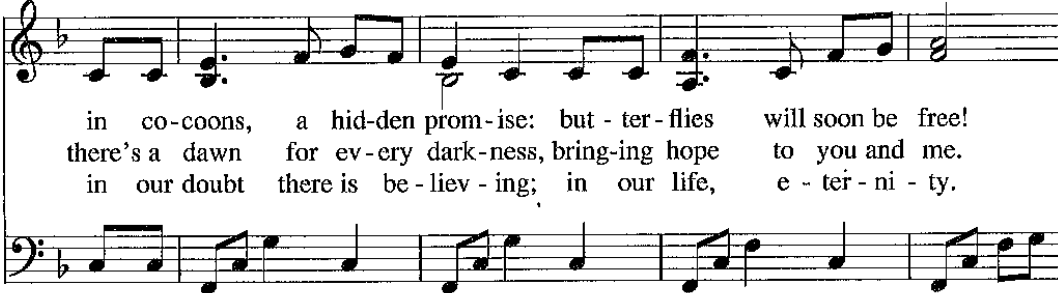
In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

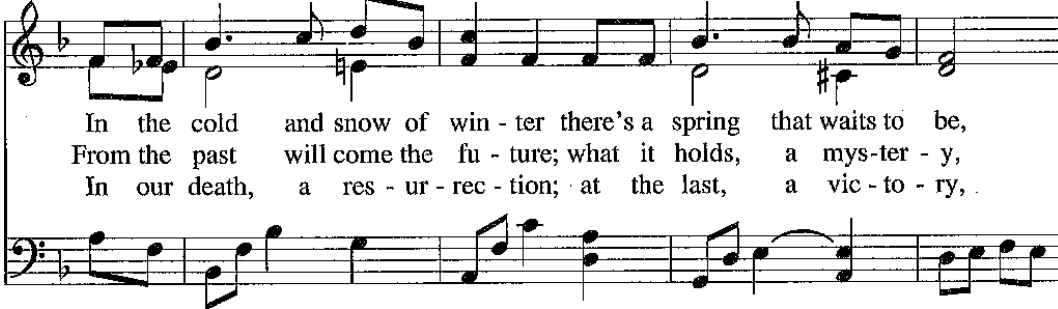
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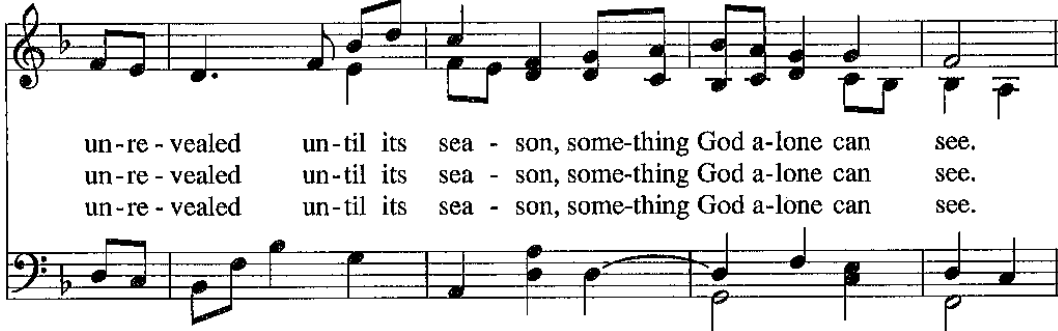
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.


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 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

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On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

VERSE 1




1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his shad-ow for



1. life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

to Refrain

REFRAIN



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

(last time to Coda) to Verses

VERSE 2




2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will




2. bring you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

to Refrain

VERSE 3



3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

to Refrain

