



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: June 4, 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.*

### **Quad Cities Pride 2023!**



Please join us on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, for the QC Unity Pride Parade at 2:30pm in downtown Moline. We will be meeting at the gather location between 1:30pm-2:00pm in preparation (and decoration!) for the parade; for more details, please keep an eye on future bulletins and/or ask Pastor Santina. The parade will be followed immediately by the Pride Party at Bass Street Landing from 3:30pm – 10:30pm. This is a lovely and fun annual event, and Hope UCC will have a table at the Pride Party. For more information, please see Pastor Santina or the June Newsletter.

### **Donations Needed - Can You Help Create a Fresh Start for Jason?**

Can you help the Augustana Prison Education Program help their students with a fresh start following their release from prison? One of their students is due to be released mid-June, and is in need of some clothes as he transitions to life outside of prison and begins attending classes on campus. The sign-up sheet is in the church office or see Pastor Santina. **All items are needed no later than June 11.** If you would like to donate funds for this, all donations will be used to purchase the needed items and any additional funds will be used for the purchase of toiletries or additional clothing. Please indicate "Jason" on the memo line or on the envelope. You can email or call the church office for more information or to let us know you can help. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

### **Yard Sale June 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

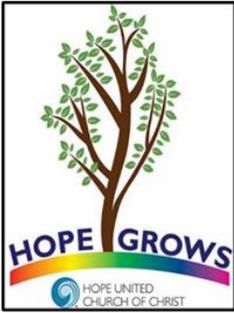
Save the Date and Your Treasures: The Hope UCC Yard Sale is June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>! A big thank you to Linda Brown and Judy Piper for leading our efforts. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table in the hallway. Please drop off your treasures during our office hours, 9:00am-12:00pm Monday – Thursday. If those times do not work for you, please feel free to call the office and make an appointment for your drop off. In the meantime, start putting aside those the things that you are done with but someone else will find a good use for. Please note that we will not be selling clothing items at this yard sale, but we look forward to organizing and sharing all the other treasures we offer.

### **Hope UCC Book Club Monday, June 5th**

The Hope UCC Book Club will be meeting in the Bronze Room at the Moline Public Library on Monday night, June 5th, at 6:00pm. The book will be The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. Join us for this fun discussion!

### **Dinner Church at 5:30pm on June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Our Dinner Church gatherings continue on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We will share a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to share. All are welcome at this gathering where we share Holy Communion, a meal, and sacred conversation around the table. Bring a friend and share this invitation with anyone you meet who might enjoy some fellowship around our Open Table. Please let Pastor Santina know if you have any questions



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin May 7, 2023**

*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: How majestic is God's name in all the earth! We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

**Many: All plants and animals are God's creation. All that God has made reflects God's goodness.**

One: We are created in God's image, to relate to God. We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.

**Many: God blesses us day by day with good things. We are given dominion over the works of God.**

One: Gather to praise God and greet one another. Celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.

**Many: We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**            NCH #31    *All Things Bright and Beautiful*    (see end of bulletin)

**\*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

**Triune God, known to us in more ways than we can count, we marvel at the mystery of life, and wonder at your attention to our lives. As we ponder the vast expanse of space, we are fascinated by distances too extensive to understand. The times we have measured are a tiny ripple in your eternity. Yet you have honored this planet by revealing yourself in the life and ministry of Jesus and the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let us experience your presence in this time of worship. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns, and we forget the immense reaches of the stewardship to which you appoint us. We have not taken good care of this tiny spaceship, Earth, which is our home. We have not cared well for one another as sisters and brothers. Our doubts outweigh our obedience. O God, help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship, as forgiven and forgiving sinners. 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 LESSON

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup>So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock

according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." <sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<sup>21</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. <sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. <sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## SERMON

SERMON HYMN      NCH #76    *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*      (see end of bulletin)

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

What will we return to God for all the bounty of the universe we have been given to enjoy? We cannot count the blessings of life which God supplies to us. The mandate of Christ is clear: "Go and make disciples of all nations." That means we must, first of all, accept our own discipleship in wholehearted obedience and self-giving service. God expects no less than all we have and all we are.

*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

**Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessing for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## WELCOME

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## REMEMBER

## CONSECRATION

## BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

## SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

*The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated through an open table at Hope UCC. All are invited to share this holy meal. Gluten free wafers are available next to communion trays.*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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: Go out to tell the world that God Cares. Celebrate the gift of life and all its possibilities.

**Many: We are awed by God's vast creation. We are amazed at how God honors us.**

One: God has given us stewardship over creation. We are given the care of every living thing.

**Many: Land, sea, and air are ours to enjoy. All are entrusted to our careful watch.**

One: Generations before us have passed on God's gifts. Generations to follow depend on our faithfulness.

**Many: We pray for insight and generosity to save this legacy. We seek to live in peace and love with everyone. Amen.**

CLOSING AFFIRMATION      #81 *God Be With You (verse 1 and refrain)*

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## All Things Bright and Beautiful

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*Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.**Unison  
Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

*Last time, end*

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,

*to Refrain*

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.  
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

*This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.*

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain  
English melody  
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

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## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*Unison*

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the  
2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the

people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is  
tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ended,

O now be extended the fruits of our worship in  
sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of

all who believe. The seed of the teaching, reach  
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

captive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for  
your light now lead us, unite us as one in this

God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.  
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

*Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.*

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.  
 Welsh folk melody  
 Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972  
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

## 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. Torner, 1880

## POSTLUDE

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