



Hope UCC Weekly Update: January 16, 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.

Annual Meeting January 23rd: Revised Proposed 2022 Budget Available Now

Please make sure you pick up or download a copy of Hope UCC's revised proposed 2022 Budget this weekend in preparation for our Annual Meeting January 23rd following worship. The proposed budget is available in hard copy in the church office during the week or on the Greeter's Table on Sunday. It is also available as a link on Hope UCC's website: www.hopeuccqc.org. Copies of the Annual Report will be available prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will take place immediately following worship on January 23rd and will also be available via Zoom with the following link:

Topic: Hope UCC Annual Meeting Jan 23, 2022

Time: Jan 23, 2022 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88597513538?pwd=bVVMNVlVkgwRnR2dTcxRjFzTHFVQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 9751 3538

Passcode: 031858

If you have any questions about the proposed budget or its revisions, please contact our Treasurer, Bob Tallitsch, or Pastor Santana. Thank you!

Reel Theology January 21: CODA



Join us to watch and discuss the compelling and thoughtful film, *CODA*, on January 21st at 6:00 P.M.

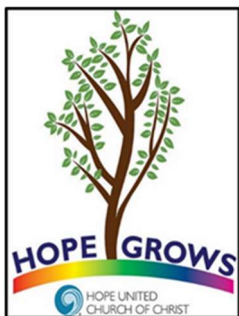
This film is about Ruby, identified as a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults). Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her love of music by wanting to go to Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents. This film is rated PG-13. As usual, bring your own dinner at 5:30 if you would like to eat together before the film begins at 6:00.

Ken & Marcia Curtis' New Address

4800 Grand Avenue

Bldg. I #101

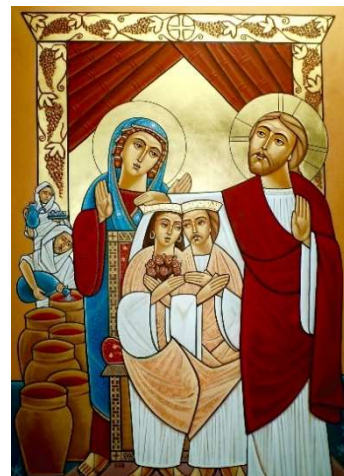
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Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: With steadfast love, God calls our names. Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

Many: **We long to be recognized and affirmed. We are eager for a place of shelter and security.**

One: Feast on the abundance of God's house. Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

Many: **We are ready to hear the Word of God. We want to be guided by eternal truth.**

One: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us. The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

Many: **When God calls us, we cannot remain silent. When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* (see end of bulletin)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. 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.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bells Anthem

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 LESSON

Psalms 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "*Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.*" ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "*Fill the jars with water.*" And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "*Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.*" So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON:

SERMON HYMN #43 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING:

What will we give in gratitude for God's forgiveness and healing grace? Who can repay the many gifts we have received with the miracle of life? Let us rejoice in the mission God entrusts to us.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires out imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

One: Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

Many: We cannot rest in God's care or keep silent. The love of God must be lived and shared.

One: Go forth with praise on your lips. The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

Many: We want to offer light and hope to others. Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.

One: Reach out as listening, caring, healing people. Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

Many: We pray that God will keep us open to further learning. May our humble witness attract others to Christ.

Amen. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

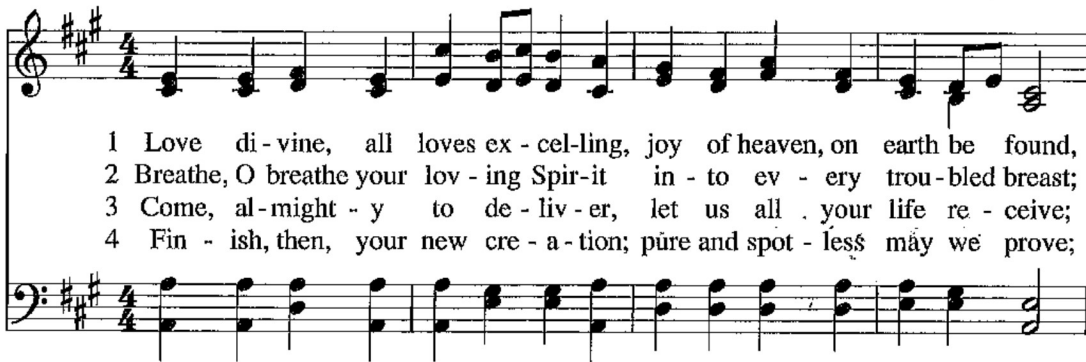
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

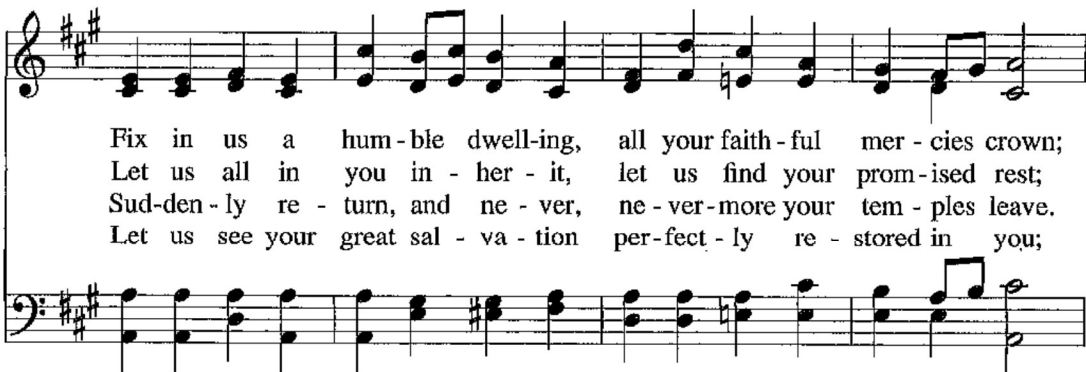
Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

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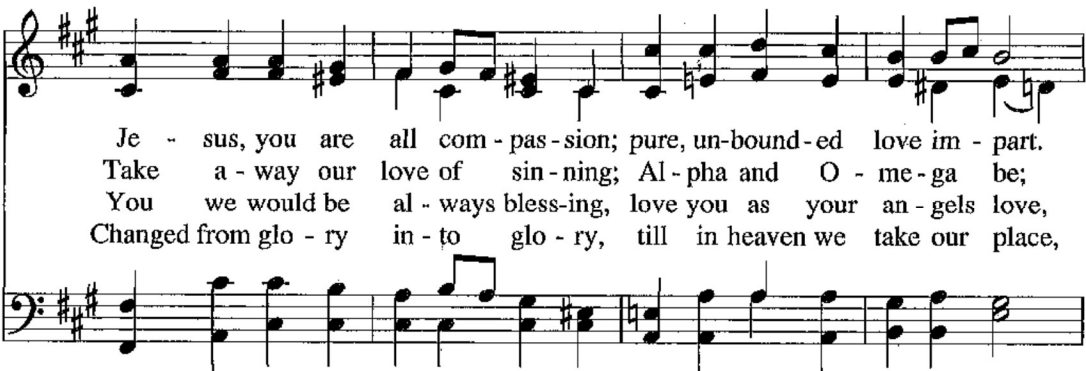
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27**Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.*


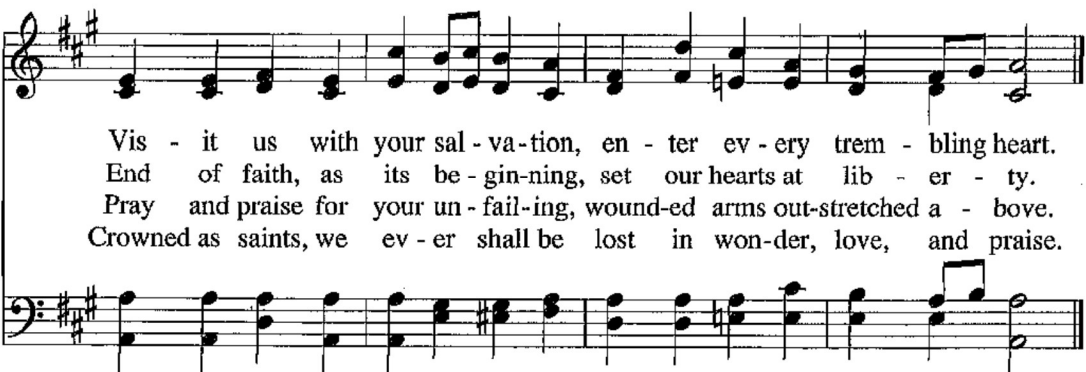
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all . your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495