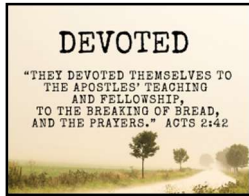




Hope UCC Weekly Update: November 21, 2021

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.



Hope UCC Stewardship: Devoted

We hope you have received your 2022 Mission Plan and stewardship information. As we reflect on all that we have accomplished throughout 2021 we also take this important time to discern how God is calling us to live as God's people and be the church in 2022. There is much information in these packets and we hope that as you read through the information you will feel led to send in your faith promise of support for Hope UCC's 2022 mission.

Stewardship Sunday is November 21 and on this day we will take a moment and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for and blessing of the pledges offered this year. If you would like to bring your pledge to church that day, we will have a plate on the Communion Table in which to place it prior to worship. We will include all of the pledges that have already been turned in as well. If you have any questions about the proposed 2022 budget or any of the information contained in the plan, please contact Hope UCC's treasurer, Bob Tallitsch, or Pastor Santana. Likewise, if you are reading this and would like to receive this year's Mission Plan and information, please contact the church office: 309-762-1419 or info.hopeuccqc@gmail.com. On behalf of our Trustees Ministry, we thank you for your continued support of Hope UCC in the many ways that support is offered.

Thanksgiving PUGS!

We are still collecting protein, underwear, gloves, and socks for our community partners. Please bring them in anytime during the week or on Sunday and place them in the baskets in front of the Communion Table. Thank you for your support!

Advent Workshop at Hope UCC: Saturday, November 27 at 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Breakfast treats, crafts and activities for families of one and families of many. All are welcome as we begin the Advent season together! Call or email for more info: 309-762-1419 or office.hopeuccqc@gmail.com. www.hopeuccqc.org

NEW DATE: An Illustrated Faith: Deepening Our Spiritual Journey through Creative Journaling **Saturday, December 4 at 3:30-5:00 P.M.**

Families of one and families of many are invited to join Rev. Lisa Gaston as she leads us in this spiritual practice using the Christmas biblical texts as our focus scriptures. No artistic background or experience needed! This is a fun and meaningful time together designed for all ages to share together, so please bring the children in your life. Childcare available for children under the age of 5. Please rsvp to the Hope UCC office: office.hopeuccqc@gmail.com or 309-762-1419



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin November 21, 2021
Thanksgiving Sunday

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**

Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things.
 Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

A harvest of abundance surrounds us.
We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.

Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy.
 Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

We lay aside our worries and our fears.
God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.

Seek first God's realm of righteousness.
 Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships.

We know God is with us here.
We trust God to supply what we most need.

***OPENING HYMN #422 Come, O Thankful People Come** (see end of bulletin)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

How good is it to join in prayer of thanksgiving and songs of praise! You have been good to us, gracious God! For sunshine and rain, for the labors of all who harvest grain, we pour out our gratitude. You have dealt wondrously with us so that we have more than we need. Dwell with us now that we may not only be inspired to share but also prompted to work for a more just world in which all your children have enough to eat and reasons for joy. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know the truth about us, O God, better than we know ourselves. We have gathered the bounty of your earth to fill our bank accounts, struggling to get ahead, blinded by greed. We have not stopped to gaze with wonder at the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. We have not paused to listen to one another or to walk with Christ among outcasts and sinners. We turn away from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, choosing to worry rather than to praise. Turn us around, we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving. 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

Joel 2:21-27

- ²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!
- ²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- ²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain[£] *for your vindication,*
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- ²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- ²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
- ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,[£] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[£] ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God[£] and his[£] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SERMON

SERMON ANTHEM *Crowded Table* (The Highwomen) Ben & Maureen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let our offerings be joyous outpouring of thanksgiving to God, who deals wondrously with us. Out of gratitude, we respond to the needs of people nearby and far away who long for a crust of bread and cup of pure water.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have bread, so we will share. We have pure water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will tell others of the great things you have done, O God. These sacred moments of giving acknowledge your ownership of all our possessions. We seek to answer your call to responsible stewardship and faithfulness in mission. We are your heralds and apostles. Thank you, God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #425 *For the Fruit of All Creation* (see end of bulletin)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Come, O Thankful People, Come

Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

Descant



3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,

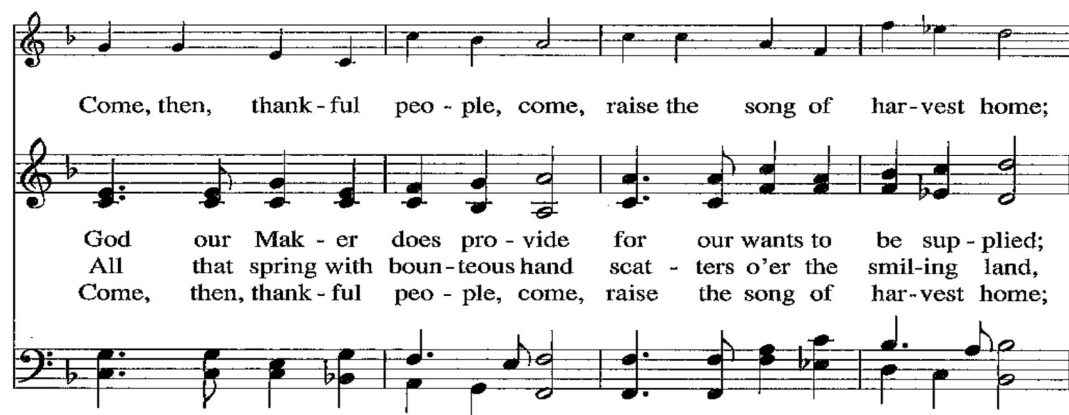
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;

all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

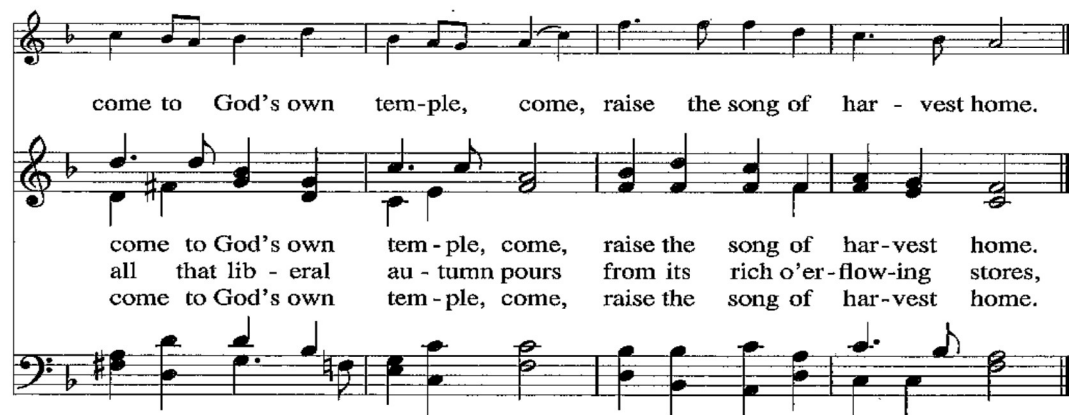


Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;

All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

For the Fruit of All Creation

425

Fred Pratt Green, 1970



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

