



Hope UCC Weekly Update: May 22, 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.

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 5 following Worship.

Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, June 5, for a special congregational meeting. The topic for discussion is a proposal for Hope UCC's roof repair. The cost is substantial and all the information regarding the project will be presented to the congregation for a discussion and vote. We will discuss the roofing issues, the process by which the proposal for work was decided, and a review of the estimate of costs for the project. We will also discuss where the funding for the project will come from and our strong financial position that supports this project. If you have any questions about this project or the information that will be discussed, please reach out to any of the following people: Bob Poor (Chair, Trustees Ministry), Bob Tallitsch, (Treasurer), and/or Kathy LeMaster (Council President). Thank you for your continued stewardship of our wonderful community.

Reminder: Book Club 6:00 Monday, May 23. The book is The Personal Librarian. Bring your friends!

A Note About the Proposed Roof Repair from Your Treasurer

As you have seen in the Sunday Bulletin and, as you will see in the June Newsletter, there will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, 5 June immediately after worship in order to outline and, hopefully, approve the proposed repairs to the flat portion of our roof.

Background: The flat portion of our church's roof has been problematic for quite a few years now. Recently leaks appeared in Pastor Santina's office and over the kitchen window by the dishwasher. When two roof companies looked at our current roof it was determined that the seams of the current roof have pulled apart and, as a result, leaks have resulted and some of the understructure needs to be replaced.

Two bids were obtained to replace the current roof, and the Board of Trustees chose to accept the bid from A+ Roofing in Moline. This bid outlined the most cost-effective way to add a slope to the flat segment of the roof and, therefore, eliminate the pooling of water on the roof.

The accepted bid involves the following:

- Removing 1 layer of current roofing materials and any unseen additional underlayers layers
- Disposal of all waste and debris
- Installing an "ISO Taper System" to the roof, which will create a slight slope to the roof and will promote water drainage off of the roof and eliminate the pooling of water on the roof.
- *30 year warranty* to all labor and materials.
- The work does not include the peaked roof covered with shingles, as it is not in need of repair at this time.

Financial Considerations:

- The total cost of the project is \$ 85,239.20
 - Because of supply issues this value may increase *slightly*, which the Trustees and Treasurer understand.
 - 50% of the total cost is due when the bid is formally accepted, with the remaining amount paid upon completion of the work.
- How will Hope UCC pay for the new roof?
 - As of today (18 May) our investment fund has a balance of \$293,443.74
 - \$15,000 has already been withdrawn (and moved into a separate account) to cover part of the deposit
 - Hope UCC has enough funds to cover the entire cost of the roof repairs without having to finance the repairs through a loan of any kind

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to either Bob Tallitsch (Treasurer) or Bob Poor (Trustees Chair) and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Respectively,

Bob Tallitsch, Treasurer

roberttallitsch@augustana.edu

309-764-8507



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*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: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us. Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

Many: **We have come to hear the Word of God. We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

One: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us. Be glad together and sing for joy.

Many: **Our hearts respond with hope for a new day. Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

One: God reigns among us and fills the world with light. We are invited to make our home with the living God.

Many: **May God's ways be known within and among us. May God guide all nations in ways of peace.**

***OPENING HYMN #597 *Shall We Gather at the River* (see end of bulletin)**

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

Maker of all things, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You have provided the water of life for our baptism. You have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished us through your Word. Meet us again in the joyous encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all we have and all that we are. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the people praise you! Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN *Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome* by Marty Haugen (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

What do we have to give? Only what we have received. The earth has yielded its increase. God has blessed us in more ways than we can count. Let us offer to God more than support of a church. Let us offer ourselves for the healing of the nations.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: Worshippers of God, we are called into the world. We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.

Many: God invites us to follow where Jesus leads. Our presence is needed in unexpected places.

One: If we love God, we will live by God's Word. If we have met God here, our lives are being changed.

Many: God's Word of love is finding a home in our hearts. God's light is leading us on new ventures of service.

One: The peace of God goes with you, today and always; let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.

Many: God is blessing us every day; praise God! We will carry God's saving power to all nations. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Used by permission: One License # A-733028

Used by Permission. CCLI License #11387335

Shall We Gather at the River

597

Robert Lowry, 1864; alt.

Rev. 22:1-5

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Written during a time when an epidemic was claiming many lives in New York, Robert Lowry's hymn raised the question "Shall we meet again?" Lowry was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn from 1861 to 1869, and collaborated on numerous hymn collections with William H. Doane.

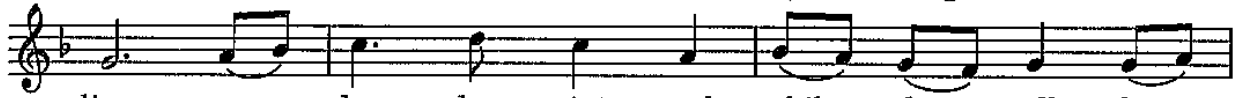
Tune: HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Robert Lowry, 1864

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.