



Hope UCC Weekly Update: June 8, 2025

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.

A Heartfelt thanks for EVERONE who helped with Hope's Yard Sale

From putting up the sign, publicity, setting up, sorting and pricing, to baking and wrangling youth, selling, cashiering, and cleaning up, we earned \$2,545 to further Hope's mission. For some perspective, in 2019 our total was \$1,506, in 2023, \$1,189, and in 2024, \$1,339. Thank you and well done. Linda, Judy and Kathy

Confirmation Celebration on Pentecost Sunday June 8 at Hope UCC!

We are excited to celebrate this special day with our Confirmands during worship on June 8.

Please note a change in the location: WE WILL HAVE WORSHIP AT HOPE UCC ON JUNE 8.

Church of Peace will join us here at Hope for this special celebratory worship welcoming our youth into the full life of their church. We will have a lite lunch reception following worship to celebrate our Confirmands. Please remember to keep them in your prayers and we encourage you to bring a note of encouragement and love for them as well. There will be baskets in Fellowship Hall for these notes and cards. **Our Confirmands this year are Selah Filzen Etzel, Eli Powell, and Kinley Sederquist.** Remember to wear red on Sunday, June 8 as we celebrate Pentecost and this exciting time in the faith journeys of our youth!

Graduation Celebration Sunday June 15

Wyatt Demarest graduated from United Township High School on May 31 st . We apologize for not including your name on the original graduation notice. Congratulations and well done, Wyatt!



Graduation Celebration: Sunday June 15

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating our graduates on June 15. We will have a time during worship where we offer them a blessing as they embark on new journeys and challenges.

Reagan Hawotte – Rock Island High School

Abby Beug – United Township High School

Wyatt Demarest – United Township High School

Laurel Filzen Etzel – Western Illinois University MA in Teaching in Music Education

Riley Johnson – John Deere MS: promotion from 8th grade

Please join us on June 22nd at noon, following worship for Ice Cream Camp!

You'll make your own Ice Cream Sundays, participate in the youth fundraiser, and sing some great tunes! Your free will offering is welcome. Invite your friends, family, and community members from all around. See you there!!!!

Saturday, June 14 at 11:00 A.M.

QC Unity Pride Parade with the Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities!

Join our contingent with 9 of our sibling congregations as we march together along the coolest parade route in the US! We start in Davenport and end in Rock Island on this 2.5 mile parade route. Our contingent will have a float you can ride on if that walk is too much for you. Each of the churches in our contingent is wearing a different color shirt - Hope UCC is wearing purple. We will have more information about what time to meet and what our staging location is but please plan to join the fun and march with us. Watch for a sign-up sheet or simply let Pastor Santina or Lindsey know you will be walking or if you need to ride on the float. Need a purple shirt? Let us know!

Saturday, June 28 at 3:00 P.M.

Pride Party at Bass Street Landing

with the Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities!

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with music, celebration, fellowship, and good cheer! Our Affirming Congregations group will have a booth set up to offer information, kindness, and little giveaways. Sign up to help at the booth and there is plenty of time to also enjoy the festival. Sign-up sheet for helping in the booth will be available following worship on June 15. See Pastor Santina or Lindsey

Ruth Circle All Church Evening at the QC River Bandits Tuesday June 10

All are welcome to join Ruth Circle at the QC River Bandits game for \$2 Tuesday on June 10. Please see Dorothy Burdick for more information.

Birthday Corrections

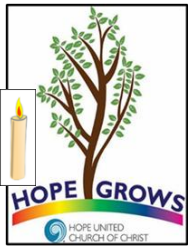
Please add the following birthdays to this summer's lists:

Tyler Demarest June 14

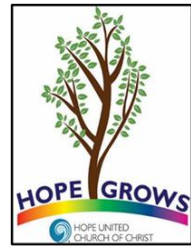
Lyrick Demarest July 31

Hope UCC Book Club: June 30, 2:30pm at Hope UCC

Join the Book Club to discuss this month's selection **Booth by Karen Joy Fowler**. We meet on June 30th at 2:30 P.M. at Hope UCC and all are welcome. See you there!



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday
Rev. Santina Poor, Pastor



Thank you for joining us for worship today.
We are glad you are here!
Because you are who you are,
you are welcome here!
***Those who are able, please stand.**

PRELUDE

Teach Your Children by Graham Nash

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Kendall Johnson

One: We gather together because God has called us.
 We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

Many: We are together, old and young, rich and poor.
We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

One On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises:
 the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

Many: We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.
What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

One: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.
 We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

Many: With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.
We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.



*OPENING HYMN

NCH #267

Come O Spirit Dwell Among Us



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kinley Sederquist

One: Holy creator, you have named us "salt of the earth" and "light of the world," and you have shown us that each of us has something to bring to the table. We are all members of the body of Christ, each made with particular gifts and talents. Guide us, that we may sow seeds that grow into beautiful gardens, producing bountiful harvests of courage, conviction, hope, and steadfast love. Challenge us all to be better people and show us where we can lend a hand. May you reside inside the vessels of your people. May we carry your light into the world for all those stuck in the darkness, trying to get out. No matter where anyone is on their journey of life, may they know they are welcome with us.
Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eli Powell



O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Eli Powell

ANTHEM

*Children Will Listen**Sondheim*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kinley Sederquist



PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Selah Filzen Etzel

One: 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.

A CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmands and Mentors

Kinley Sederquist and Callan Sederquist

Eli Powell and Julie Bustard, Barb Hawotte, and Caridad Ramos

Selah Filzen Etzel and Bek Svetlick

Kendall Johnson and Judy Hawotte, Barb Hawotte, and Caridad Ramos

PASTORS' REFLECTIONS

Rev. Tyler Yost

Rev. Santana Poor

CONFIRMANDS' CREEDS

Confirmation Creed by Eli Powell

I believe God created the world. God created the Light.

I believe that God created me and I reflect God's Light!

I believe I am welcome at God's Table.

I believe I am fed at God's Table.

I believe I am loved and I share God's love from the Table.

I believe the Bible is a special book with stories about God and stories about Jesus.

I believe the Bible has stories about how much God loves Creation.

I believe the Bible helps me remember I am special to God.

I believe I am part of the story of God's love!

Confirmation Creed by Kinley Sederquist, Selah Filzen Etzel, and Kendall Johnson

We believe that God is a life force that guides us and connects with us to help others.

We believe that Jesus is a true human who was faithful and is connected to God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a life force helping Creation.

We believe the Holy Spirit sends thoughts, and speaks in our personal language.

We believe that the church is a place of worship that is accepting and accessible to others.

We believe church encourages freedom of thought while being interactive and helpful justly.

Amen!

CONFIRMANDS' SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9

Kendall Johnson

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"

Joshua 2:3-7, 10-11

Kinley Sederquist

Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the whole land." 4 But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. 5 And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them." 6 She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. 7 So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below.

Matthew 5:13-16

Eli Powell

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Selah Filzen Etzel

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong

to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

CONFIRMANDS' SPECIAL MUSIC

THE T-A-B-L-E Song (please sing along!)

Poor, Poor, Powell

T is for Table. We all are welcome at the Table.

A is for All. All are welcome at the Table. B is for Bread. We share the bread at the Table. L is for Love. We share God's love at the Table.

E is everyone. Everyone is healed at the Table.

Crowded Table (please join in singing the chorus)

Shires, Carlile, Morris, Hemby

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with corresponding guitar chords and lyrics. The lyrics are: "I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for every one. Let us take on the world while we're young and able, and bring us back together when the day is done, and bring us back together when the day is done." The score includes guitar chords: F#7, B, F#, E, B, F#, A, B/A, E, B, F#, E, B, E, B, F#, G#m, E, B, F#, A, E, B, and a final measure with a 5-finger barre.

— I want a house — with a crowd - ed ta - ble, and a place —
 — by the fire — for — ev - 'ry - one — Let us take — on the world —
 — while we're young — and a - ble, and bring — us back to geth - er when the day —
 — is done, — and bring — us back to geth - er when the day —
 — is done. —

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Address

Questions of Confirmands

Act of Confirmation

Blessing and Prayer

Receiving Church Membership

Sharing Our Covenant

All: We covenant with God and with one another, as fellow Members of Church of Peace and Hope UCC, to offer you this promise of our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Selah Filzen Etzel

God has made us heirs of great abundance in order that we might use the resources entrusted to us to benefit humankind. We are children of God, called to share with the world the manifold works of our Creator. Our offerings are one expression of our commitment.

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.



BLESSING OUR GIFTS

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN

For a Thousand Tongues to Sing NCH #42



*BENEDICTION

One: All who believe in Jesus Christ are commissioned.

We are sent out to live and work as Jesus did.

Many: We are sons and daughters of God.

We are heirs with Christ of all God has made.

One: The Holy Spirit has come to inspire and equip us.

We are empowered for greater works in Jesus' name.

Many: We will praise our God while we have being.

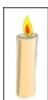
We will testify to the good news of God's love.

One: The power of the first Pentecost is ours to claim.

The Holy Spirit offers us new ability to communicate.

Many: We will heed the Spirit's promptings this week.

We will call on God's name day by day. Amen.



POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine* (please sing along)

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch in celebration of our Confirmands!

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Reverend Tyler Yost, Pastor Church of Peace UCC

Our Confirmands:

Eli Powell

Selah Filzen Etzel

Kinley Sederquist

Kendall Johnson

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Bob Poor and Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger

Soloist: Madi Filzen Etzel

Greeter: Jan Birdsell

Fellowship Hour: Marcella Park, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales and Fellowship Friends

Audio-Visual Ministry: Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson,
Bob Poor, Bek Svetlick

PENTECOST

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Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

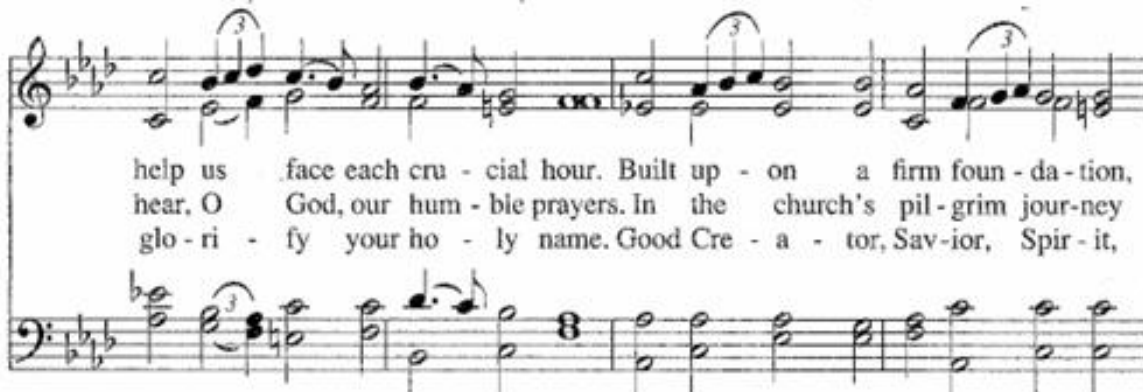
Janie Alford, 1979; alt.



1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of



cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,



help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,



Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published in 1979.

Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
Thomas J. Williams, 1890

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
 4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1828
 Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
 Alternate tune: RICHMOND