



Hope UCC Weekly Update: August 10, 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.

World Relief Guest Speaker and Information Session Sunday, August 10th

We will welcome David Hodge, Director of Church Mobilization for World Relief QC, to worship on Sunday, August 10th. He will provide information we need to begin the process to accompany a newly arrived refugee family.

That's What Friends Are For:

Learning about the Sacred Traditions of Our Friends with Friends!

Field Trip to Putnam Museum's Sacred Places Exhibit, Sunday August 24 1:30-4:00 P.M.

Join us as we gather with our friends from our Riverside Interfaith Group to visit the Sacred Places exhibition and with one another at the Putnam Museum. We will gather at the museum (carpooling from Hope UCC is available) for interfaith engagement as we view the exhibit. We will then gather with our friends from the other faith communities for conversation and discussion about the exhibit at a small reception. Admission to the museum is \$5 for this event with tickets purchased at the museum ticket counter that afternoon. (Please let Pastor Santina know if financial assistance is needed.) This is an all ages event! Please let Pastor Santina know if you will be joining us for this field trip!

Summer Choir Rehearsals

Summer Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

August 13 6-6:45

August 20 6-6:45

Sing in Worship

August 24, 10 am

Feed My Starving Children

We will be going to pack bags for Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL on Saturday, September 20th. We will go to Harner's Bakery and Restaurant to eat before we go to pack the bags. We need many volunteers for this. Please consider joining us and bringing a friend. See Barb Hawotte to volunteer or get more information. Thank You.

Mid Year Giving Statements

Statements will be available and mailed out on August 10th.

Lectionary Bible Study Returns September 9 at 10:00 A.M.

Join us for our weekly discussion and study of the scripture in the Conference Room on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M.





Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MEDITATION

*That's What Friends Are For
 (Please Sing Along)*

Bacharach & Bayer Sager

**Keep smiling, keep shining;
 Knowing you can always count on me, for sure.
 That's what friends are for.
 For good times and bad times.
 I'll be on your side forever more.
 That's what friends are for.**



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved people of God, Friends in Christ, welcome to worship

Many: We come together to share our worship and praise, explore God's word, and share our wonder and awe of God's love for all of God's Creation.

One: With love for one another, we gather as neighbors and friends.

Many: With love for God, we gather as God's Community of Love.

One: We give thanks for this gathering and for God's call to journey and care for our neighbors and friends.

Many: We give thanks for the blessing of God's guidance in this journey.



***OPENING HYMN**

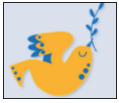
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Where Charity and Love Prevail



***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, our kind and loving guide, you no longer call us servants but friends. We come together to find new ways to explore and embrace what this means to us. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to discern and live into the call to do this sacred work and share mercy and goodness in this world and to be united with all who seek you. As you call us 'friend' let us call each other friend and bring reconciliation and joy to everyone. Give us the wisdom, faith, and courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully to be the friend that this world needs. Amen.



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever present God, we confess our easy compliance with the ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves that are unavailable to many. We do not call oppressors to account or recognize our own oppressive ways. We pass by many who suffer as if their suffering were no concern of ours. Our practice of the faith gives neither offence nor inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way – as we recognize this let us be renewed and guided by you to take another path and practice your love more fully. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE



PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

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.



HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

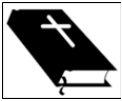
¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ "You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

³³ "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.



*GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



SERMON

David Hodge, Director of Church Mobilization for World Relief QC

SERMON HYMN

You've Got a Friend

King

When you're down and troubled
And you need some lovin' care
And nothin', nothin' is goin' right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come runnin'
To see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knockin' at your door

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come runnin', runnin', yeah, yeah

To see you again
 Winter, spring, summer or fall
 All you have to do is call
 And I'll be there, yes, I will

 Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
 When people can be so cold?
 They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you
 And take your soul if you let them
 Oh, but don't you let them

 You just call out my name
 And you know, wherever I am
 I'll come runnin', runnin', yeah, yeah
 To see you again
 Winter, spring, summer or fall
 All you have to do is call
 And I'll be there, yes, I will
 You've got a friend
 You've got a friend
 Ain't it good to know you've got a friend
 Ain't it good to know, ain't it good to know
 Ain't it good to know
 You've got a friend
 Oh, yeah, now, you've got a friend
 Yeah baby, you've got a friend
 Oh, yeah, you've got a friend



*INVITATION TO OFFERING

Many gifts have been sewn into our lives, these are the seeds of God's generosity and love for the world. We are stewards of them, and are called by the gospel of Christ to spread them widely, trusting in God's care to nurture and bring forth the harvest of righteousness. Let us bring forth the fruits of God's creative, loving care from the gardens of our lives.

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

You, O God, are the giver of all life. In the offerings we bring today are fruits of the lives you have entrusted to us and the gifts you have given. Help us to bring them with joy and offer them freely, as you have offered yourself to us and to the world so freely in Jesus Christ. Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN

Draw the Circle Wide

***BENEDICTION**

One: As we depart as friends, place your hand in the hand of God.

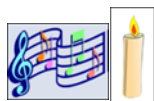
Many: We go forth into this world in complete assurance of God's presence and love, bringing hope, healing, and peace to all we meet.

One: Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ;

Many: We go out now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for us.

One: Be one with each other as we are one in Christ. Wait for the Lord, and be ready to hear God's voice and see the face of God in one another.

Many: We will tell the stories of our faith by living and loving as God has created us to live and love all of God's Creation. Amen.



POSTLUDE

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santana Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist: Bek Svetlick

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Bob Poor

Greeter: Dorothy Burdick

Fellowship Hour: Julie Bustard, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Latin hymn, "Ubi caritas et amor," 9th century
Paraphr. by Omer Westendorf, 1961; alt.

John 13:34-35; 15:9-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; 1 John 4:7-21

With freedom

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found; Brought
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn; Let
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess; And
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease; Be

here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.

Believed to date from the time of Charlemagne (768-814), this hymn was, before Vatican II (1962-1965), the last and indispensable song during the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service. Benedictine priest Paul Benoit composed many organ works.

Tune: CHRISTIAN LOVE C.M.

Paul Benoit, 1961

Alternate tune: ST. FLAVIAN

Draw the Circle Wide

Words and Music: Gordon Light

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The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a common time signature (C). It contains five measures of whole rests. The middle and bottom staves are a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The middle staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. It contains five measures of chords: Cm Fm7, Cm, Bb, Cm7, and Fm. The bottom staff contains a melodic line in bass clef across five measures.

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. It contains five measures of a melodic line. Below the staff, the lyrics "Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still," are written. The middle and bottom staves are a grand staff. The middle staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. It contains five measures of chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, and Eb. The bottom staff contains a melodic line in bass clef across five measures.

The third system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. It contains five measures of a melodic line. Below the staff, the lyrics "Let this be our song: no one stands a-lone stand-ing side by side. Draw the cir-cle" are written. The middle and bottom staves are a grand staff. The middle staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. It contains five measures of chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, and G7. The bottom staff contains a melodic line in bass clef across five measures.

Draw the Circle Wide-2

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wide.

Fine

God the still point of the cir - cle
 Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons,
 Let the dream we dreamed be larg - er

19

round whom all cre - a - tion turns
 so en - com - pass great and small;
 than we ev - er dreamed be - fore;

No - thing lost, but
 Let our lov - ing
 Let the dream of

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held to - geth - er in God's gra - cious arms.
 know now bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.
 Christ be in us, op - en eve - ry door.

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