



Hope UCC Weekly Update: May 11, 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.



Congregational Sympathy

Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family of Jan Frey. Jan died peacefully in Gainesville, Florida on April 26th.

Pastor Tyler Yost's Installation at Church of Peace UCC on May 18

Join us in celebrating Pastor Tyler's installation service as Pastor of Church of Peace on Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 P.M. Please let Pastor Santina know if you will attend this celebratory worship service and reception welcoming Church of Peace into their new and Spirit-led chapter in ministry and life together.

Not Your Normal Card Ministry

Do you want to send a card to someone but forgot?

Did you hear that someone was sick during prayers, and you want to send a card?

You signed a card, but you need the address.

You're in luck!

In the past, a group of people would send cards to church members for birthdays, get-wells, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. Over time card ministry phased out, and members started sending cards on their own. But...What if we do something a little different and still send cards?!?!

When we hear Pastor Santina include someone in prayers during worship or you hear that someone could use a card, go to the card table in Fellowship Hall and fill out a card. Use a sticky note to indicate who it is going to and the office will do the rest! The office will address it, stamp it, and mail it.

Can you donate cards? We are looking for Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Get-Well, and Sympathy cards. Bring them to Lindsey Svetlick's office in classroom 3, and you will see a table in Fellowship Hall in the next few weeks.



Confirmation Class Fundraiser on May 25

Artists for the Lost Paws Taco Lunch and Art Sale

Please join our Confirmation class in supporting the Rock Island County Animal Shelter with their fundraiser on May 25th. The Confirmands will be offering a walking taco (or taco salad) lunch and dessert for a free will offering. They also plan to have some of their artwork available for purchase. They will also provide entertainment during this program. As part of their Confirmation curriculum the students were asked to create a service project plan for a cause they all feel strongly about. They chose the RI Animal Shelter as they all care deeply about animals and their humane treatment. Since we are a combined class with Church of Peace, the lunch will take place in Church of Peace's Fellowship Hall, following worship at 12:00 P.M. Church of Peace is located at 1114 12th St, Rock Island, IL 61201. Thank you for supporting our Confirmands as they support this great local organization.



Annual Yard Sale: May 30-31! (please note revised hours)

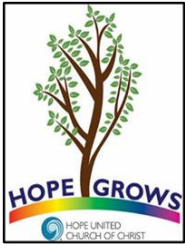
A big thank you to Linda Brown, Kathy Lewis, and Judy Piper for offering to lead the yard sale project again this year. Save the date and start putting aside those things that you are done with but someone else will find a good use for. We will be selling clothing items this year and ask that any clothing donations are clean and usable. We are looking forward to organizing and sharing all the other treasures you are ready to part with. You can bring your treasures beginning May 4th during office hours (or contact Judy or Linda for other arrangements). Volunteers are needed beginning Sunday, May 25th for set up throughout the week as well as during the sale: Friday May 30th from 8am-2pm and Saturday May 31st from 8am-12pm.

Ruth Circle: May 19th at 1pm

Please join us for our monthly Ruth Circle meeting at Hope UCC. Bring a friend for a time of fellowship, planning, and good energy together.

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

Join the Book Club to discuss this month's selection **Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci**. We meet on June 2nd at 2:30 P.M. at Hope UCC and all are welcome. See you there!



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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



***COMING TOGETHER AS A WORSHIP COMMUNITY**

One: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
 come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**Many: God awakens us and restores our souls.
 Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

One The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
 We are invited to a higher quality of life.

**Many: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
 God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

One: Come to drink from springs of living water.
 Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**Many: Surely God will guide our search for truth.
 We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**



***OPENING HYMN**

NCH #18

Guide Me, O Great Redeemer



***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.



***OFFERING OUR CONFESSION**

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, do you hear us? Amen.

*RECEIVING THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

LEARNING FROM OUR CHILDREN



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

Psalms 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”



SERMON

A Vision of the Church’s Mission

SERMON HYMN

NCH # 252

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives. Take time to count your blessings. The works of God are all around us. In these moments, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves and our substance to extend God’s work on earth.

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

Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN

NCH #495

Called As Partners in Christ’s Service



*BENEDICTION

One: Go forward from this place as praying, caring people.
Let good works and charity abound.

**Many: We believe God calls us to make a difference.
God wants us to change the world.**

One: Your deeds bear witness to God's love.
Others will believe because of your faith.

**Many: We trust the shepherd to lead and guide us.
We look to God for the strength we need.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us.
Our eternal home is part of us right now.

**Many: God's salvation has come to us. Alleluia!
We will praise and honor our God forever and ever. Amen.**



POSTLUDE

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist: Linda Brown

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Bob Poor

Greeter: Ken Curtis

Fellowship Hour: Kathy Lewis, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

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

GOD

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2**William Williams, 1745**St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.**St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)**From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.**St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)**John 10:1–29*

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

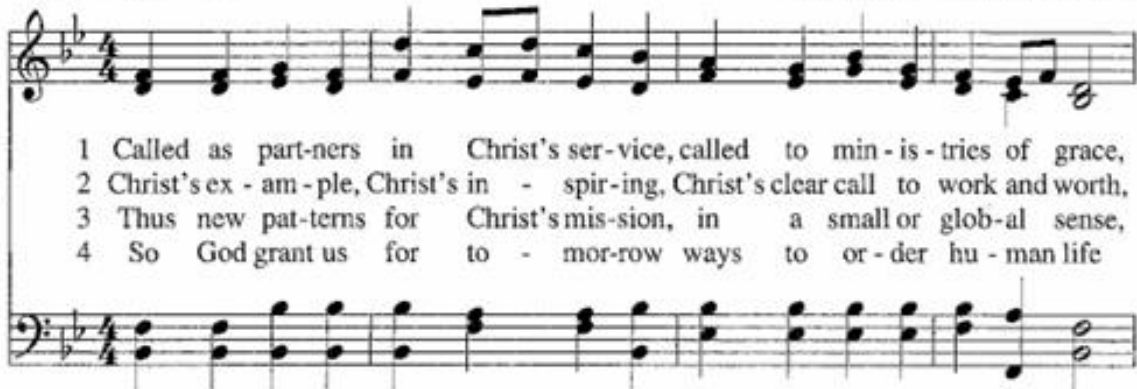
Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

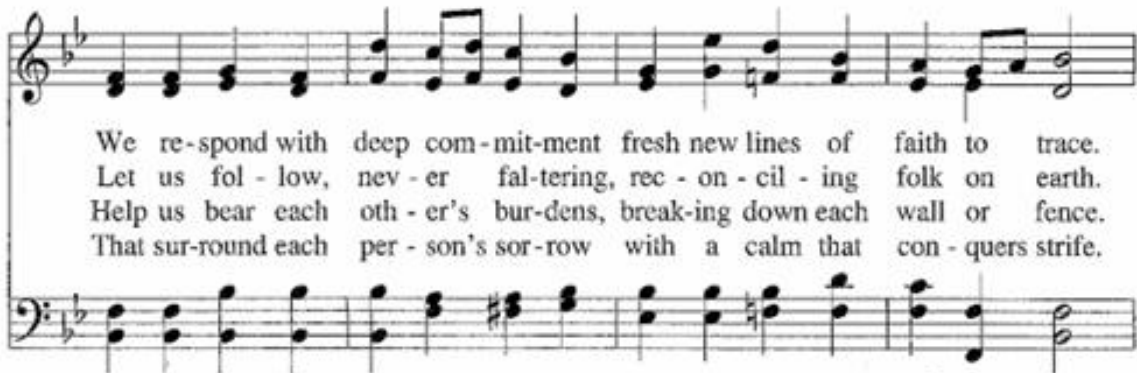
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

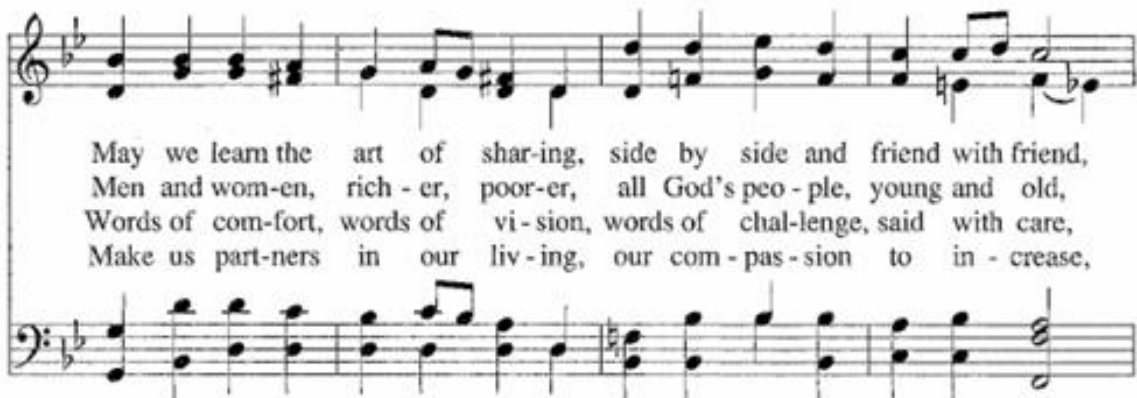
John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



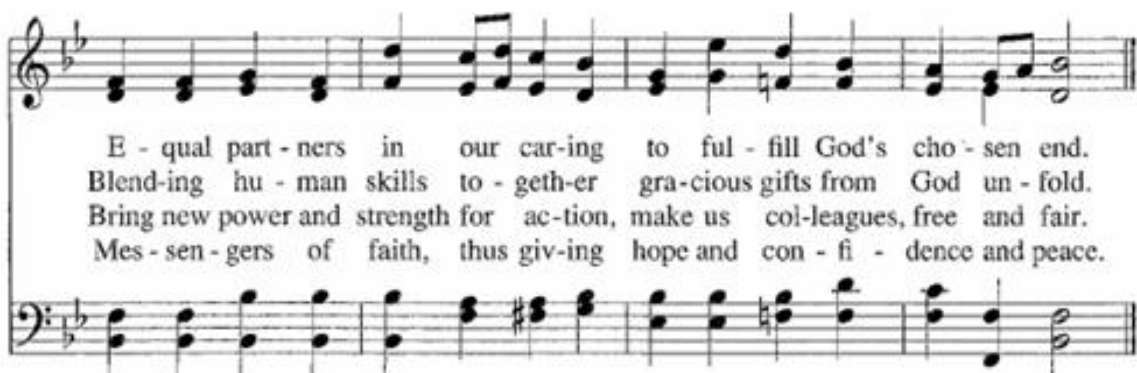
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368