



Hope UCC Weekly Update: October 26, 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.

Book Club Meets Monday, October 27th at 2:30pm

UCC's Book Club meets on Monday, October 27th at 2:30pm in Hope UCC's Conference Room. All are welcome to read our current book, ***Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten***, and meet to discuss this wonderful book. Contact Dorothy Burdick for more information.

Celebrate Our Saints: All Saints Remembrance Day on November 2

On Sunday November 2, we will remember, honor, and thank God for the lives of those who have gone before us into life eternal during worship. We will lift the names of our Hope UCC beloveds who have died this year as we celebrate their memories as well as all those beloveds whom we have lost, no matter when that loss occurred. We will honor the memory of the saints in our lives during worship by adding to our 'Circle of Saints' wreath. The Circle of Saints holds ribbons with the names of beloved people in our lives who have died. Each year we add to the circle as we honor their memories. You can repeat the name(s) you included last year as well as adding any new names this year. Ribbons will be available in the church office and on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. We invite you to take one (or a few) and write the names of the people in your lives whose memories you wish to honor. Please return the ribbons to church before or on the morning of November 2nd, and they will be attached to the wreath. We will have a processional time during worship when you can come forward and place the ribbons on the wreath yourself if you wish to do so. If you are unable to be at church before or on November 2nd, please email Pastor Santina or email or call the church office if you would like us to add a name to a ribbon for you. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Santina.

The Story of Hope: Helping Our Friends at Moline High School

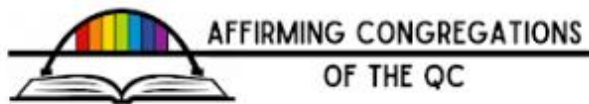
Moline High School is building a supply of personal care items for students in need. Can you help by donating the following items: deodorant (spray or roll-on), body wash, powdered laundry detergent, wash cloths, dryer sheets, and no rinse body wipes. We will have a basket in the front of the sanctuary to collect these items through November 16. Thank you for helping out the wonderful students at Moline High School! Any questions please see Lindsey Svetlick or Pastor Santina.

Come and Sing and/or Ring!

Our Hope Choir and Hand Bell Choir are back in action and would love for you to join us. All vocal and musical experience and abilities are very welcome. Vocal Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 and Hand Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30. Please contact Greg and Laurel (Ministers of Music): gregory.etzel@gmail.com or call/text 309-737-4029 or laurel.filzen@gmail.com, or text/call 309-256-256-7993.

Visitation Committee, Wednesday, October 29th at 11:30am

UCC's Visitation Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 29th at 11:30am.



OUT AT THE MOVIES

A FREE SCREENING OF THE GROUNDBREAKING DOCUMENTARY THAT EXAMINES HOW THE WORD "HOMOSEXUAL" WAS ADDED TO THE BIBLE. THERE WILL BE A PANEL DISCUSSION AND A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

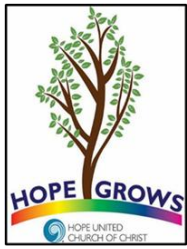
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:00 P.M.

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**THE MISTRANSLATION
THAT SHIFTED CULTURE**

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE QC
2930 W LOCUST ST, DAVENPORT**

BRING SNACKS TO SHARE. A FREE WILL DONATION TO COVER THE COST OF SCREENING THE FILM WILL BE COLLECTED. EXTRA FUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO A LOCAL LGBTQ SERVICE AGENCY.
5:00 DOORS OPEN; 5:30 FILM STARTS; 7:00 PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q/A WITH LOCAL FAITH LEADERS.



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

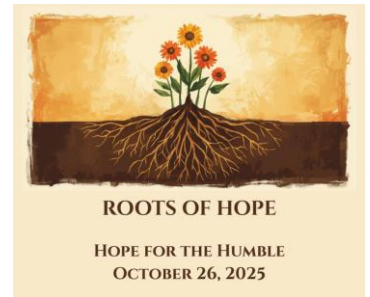
Reverend Dr. Dana Martin

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

Merciful To Me

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is God's house, a holy temple.

We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

Many: My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here.

Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

Many: Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds.

Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.

One: God crowns the year with a bountiful harvest.

Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

Many: God's presence is felt to the ends of the earth.

All creation is God's swelling place, God's home.



OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In



***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

To you, O God, shall our vows be performed. To you we sing our praises and utter our prayers. Come among us to renew your covenant and offer your signs. Pour out your Spirit on your people gathered here, that we may dream and prophesy and follow the vision you set before us. Amen.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

How easily we have forgotten you, O God of our salvation. We imagine that our prosperity is of our own design. We wander into paths of self-righteousness and self-congratulation. We compare ourselves with those whose sins are public knowledge and consider ourselves better than they. O God, rescue us from the evil inside us that alienates us from others and from you. We humble ourselves before you, seeking forgiveness. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

VOCAL CHOIR ANTHEM

Canon of Hope

by Mark Burrows



PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

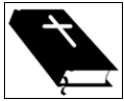
One: The Lord be with you.

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 LESSONS

Joel 2:23-32

- 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 that 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.
- ²⁸ Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
- ²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.
- ³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Psalm 65

- ¹ Praise is due to you,
 O God, in Zion,
 and to you shall vows be performed,
- ² O you who answer prayer!
 To you all flesh shall come.
- ³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
 you forgive our transgressions.
- ⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
 to live in your courts.
 We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
 your holy temple.
- ⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
 O God of our salvation;
 you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the farthest seas.
- ⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;
 you are girded with might.
- ⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves,
 the tumult of the peoples.
- ⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
 you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
 you greatly enrich it;
 the river of God is full of water;
 you provide the people with grain,
 for so you have prepared it.
- ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
 settling its ridges,
 softening it with showers,
 and blessing its growth.
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
 your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
 the hills gird themselves with joy;
- ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
 the valleys deck themselves with grain;
 they shout and sing together for joy.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9–14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON

Where is Hope?

SERMON HYMN

Be Now My Vision

NCH #451

STORY OF HOPE

Bek Svetlick

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to Hope UCC's
donations page.



INVITATION TO OFFERING

The threshing floors are full of grain, the vats overflow with wine and oil, the technology of our day puts the world at our remote control. The choices are so abundant and the possibilities for good and evil so extensive. Will we use the vast resources God puts at our disposal for selfish pleasure or for greater good? The church seeks to exercise wise stewardship to proclaim the reign of God.



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 have dealt wondrously with us, gracious God. We have gathered in your temple to praise you and to join in efforts to share faith with one another and with the world. Through our offerings, we wish to extend the witness made here into our neighborhoods, and, in ever-widening circles, to the ends of the earth. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

NCH #495

*BENEDICTION

One: Be glad and rejoice in God's wondrous works!

Praise God whose spirit blesses and empowers us!

Many: God forgives our transgressions and answers our prayers.

God delivers us from pretense and false pride.

One: God stands by us to grant support and strength.

God is the ever-present source of hope and healing.

Many: God rescues us from evil attack, from the lion's mouth.

God is with us in times of suffering and loss.

One: Return to your homes justified, praising God.

Return to your world, proclaiming good news for all to hear.

Many: All who trust in God are strengthened and blessed;

to God be the glory forever and ever. Amen

*POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

arr. by Melody Bober

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Dr. Dana Martin

Liturgist: Stacy Demarest

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Robyn Carter

Greeter: Barb Hawotte

Fellowship Hour: Ben Carter & Zoie Fuller, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

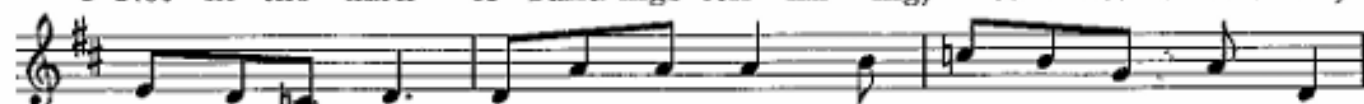
Audio-Visual Ministry: Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson,
Bob Poor, Bek Svetlick

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



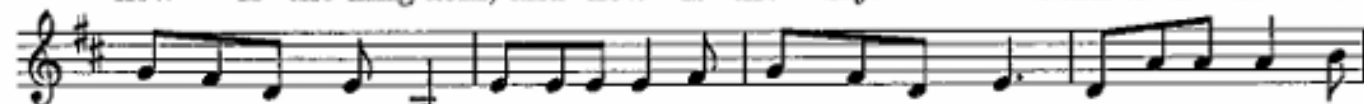
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. Gath-er us in, the
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day. Gath-er us in and



lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haughty; gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
 hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all



we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

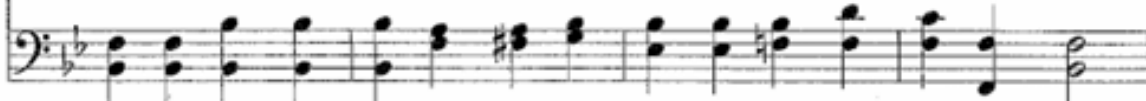
John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



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