



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: October 12, 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.*

#### **Reel Theology: American Factory**

Reel Theology meets on Friday, October 10th. Dinner at 5:30pm (please bring your own dinner), film at 6pm.

#### **Annual Blessing of Our Pets, Saturday, October 11 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**



We're a week late, but we will honor the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, with a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday October 11 from 11:00 – 2:00. All pets and their humans are invited to come any time between 11:00-2:00 to meet with Pastor Santina for a blessing. We'll be set up in front of church by the front entrance. All pets are welcome to receive a blessing! Bring your pets and tell your friends to bring theirs to Hope UCC for a special blessing that day. If your sweet pet is unable to make the car ride to church, please let Pastor Santina know and she is happy to arrange a house call!

#### **Singles & Doubles Annual Wiener Roast**

Singles and Doubles will have their annual wiener roast on **Saturday 18 October at 5:00pm**. However, there will be some changes this year. We will not be having this out in the garden due to the unpredictable weather and also because of the danger of standing around the huge fire pit. We are getting older and more wobbly!!! So, instead we will be having it inside in fellowship hall. We will be having a very simple menu. Hot dogs.....chips.....S'more bars and drinks. There may be something else, but will have to wait and see. I suggest a \$5.00 donation and you bring your own drink. Chairs this year are optional!!!! We will be singing some campfire songs as we did last year. Hoping to have a nice turnout for this fun evening. All adults of the church are invited. Feel free to bring a friend. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we know about how many will show up. Any questions, see me. Barb Hawotte

#### **Sojourners Sunday on October 19: Soup & Stories**

Every 3rd Sunday after worship, our Hope UCC family – all ages – are invited to be sojourners as we move together through worship, mission, and fellowship, while growing our connection to God and sharing God's love through Christ to one another and the local community. Lunch will be served after worship and Pastor Santina and Lindsey Svetlick (MiD for ordination) will lead an exciting program filled with laughter, exploration, storytelling, and mission. Each month will be a little different, but each month will be fun and interesting together.

#### **Visitation Committee Meeting – Corrected Date**

The Visitation Committee will meet on **Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**. The date of October 22<sup>nd</sup> was incorrect.

**Ruth Circle Meets Monday, October 20th at 1pm**

Get together with the ladies or Hope UCC for a time of laughter, fellowship, and adventure on October 20th at 1pm. Contact Dorothy Burdick for more information.

**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.

**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.

**News from Feed My Starving Children**

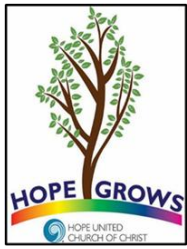
Barb Hawotte recently received word from Feed My Starving Children that the meals that Hope UCC's team packed on September 20 have been shipped out. The meals were sent to partner organizations in Gambia and the Dominican Republic for children and families there. An interesting piece of information they included was the following:

Did you know? Meals usually take between two weeks and six months to travel to their destination. It all depends on where in the world they go and how hard it is to get there. They cross the ocean by ship or plane and wait in line to clear customs. Then they journey by car, bike, canoe or even donkey to reach our partners. Many hands carry these meals to children and families in need.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful and meaningful service project.

**New Address & Phone Number for Della Findlay**

Churchill Place  
190 Geneva Rd., Apt #122  
Glen Ellen, IL 60137  
(630) 765-7033



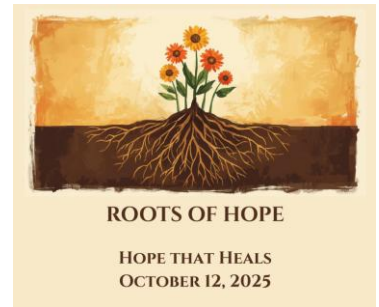
**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin October 12, 2025  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Santina Poor, Pastor**

*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

*I Hope You Dance*

*by LeeAnn Womack*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

**Many: Great and awesome are the works of God.  
The whole universe sings of God's power.**

One: Gather to remember all that God has revealed.  
Come to discover what God is doing among us.

**Many: God is faithful and just in all things.  
The promises of God are trustworthy and true.**

One: Present your best selves for God's approval.  
Work and witness without shame or pretense.

**Many: Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard.  
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**



OPENING HYMN

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

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**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Awesome God, who has given us life and kept our feet from slipping, we thank you now for bringing us to this place of worship and learning. Inspire us to speak truthfully and listen attentively. Keep us from wrangling over words in ways that divide. May we prove to be faithful workers, devoted to healing and reconciliation in Jesus' name. Amen.**



**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget the mercy we have received. We are angry when we should be grateful. Restore us to covenant faithfulness, we pray. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## \*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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–14

<sup>1</sup> These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup> It said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

### Psalms 66

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name." *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land;  
 they passed through the river on foot.  
 There we rejoiced in him,  
<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever,  
 whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*  
<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples;  
 let the sound of his praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living  
 and has not let our feet slip.  
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
 you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net;  
 you laid burdens on our backs;  
<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
 we went through fire and through water;  
 yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
<sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
 I will pay you my vows,  
<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
 and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,  
 with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
 I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*  
<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
 and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
 and he was extolled with my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
 the Lord would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
 he has heard the words of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
 who has not rejected my prayer  
 or removed his steadfast love from me.

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11–19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

SERMON

*Many Paths of Healing*

SERMON HYMN

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Bring gifts of gratitude to honor God. Give thanks for God's awesome deeds. Praise God for salvation in Jesus Christ. May our offerings express the full measure of our thankfulness.



*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



**We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment.**

**We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.**



**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *Live Into Hope*

## \*BENEDICTION

One: Go your way; your faith will keep you well.  
Give praise and give yourselves in thankful living.

**Many: We will bless God as long as we live.**

**We will reach out to help others every day.**

One: Share the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.  
In humility, seek to embody the Word of truth.

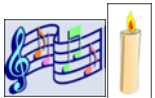
**Many: We will work for the welfare of God's earth.**

**We will pray for the well-being of the earth's people.**

One: Surely God is faithful and will help us.  
Live confidently, assured of God's forgiving and healing love.

**Many: Great are the works of God, which endure forever.**

**We rejoice that we may abide in covenant with God. Amen.**



**\*POSTLUDE**    *Sunshine in My Soul*      *by E.E Hewitt, arr by Chris Cooke*

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## Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

**Liturgist:** Stacy Demarest

**Ministers of Music:** Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

**Accompanist:** Robyn Carter

**Soloist:** Marilyn Rada

**Greeter:** Ken Curtis

**Fellowship Hour:** Judy Hawotte, Jan Varga, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

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



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## Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God, Cre-a-tor,\*  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace so en-dur-ing,

with you no shad-ow of turn-ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,  
 your own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com-pas-sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
 Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

all of your good-ness for-ev-er will be.  
 to your great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be-side.

\*originally "my Father"

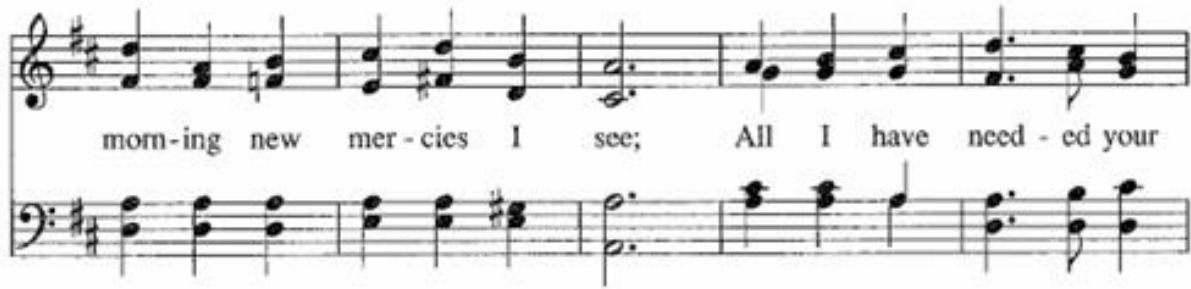
This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

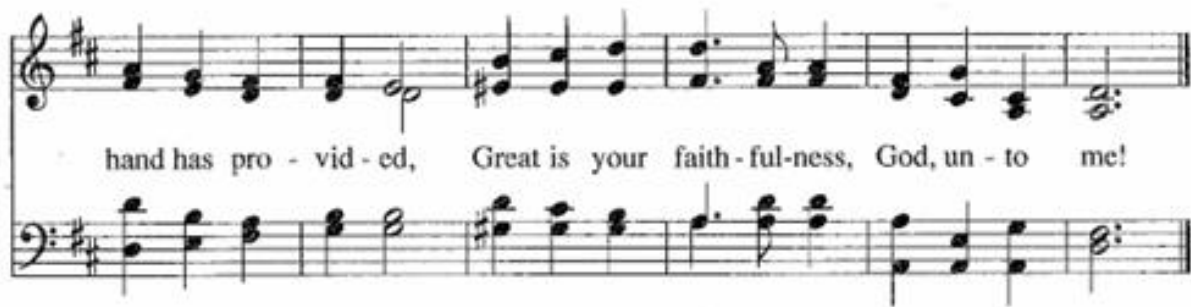
*Refrain*



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your



hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!



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## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

D Em<sup>7</sup> G/D A D Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>/A

Heal-er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

G A F#m Em/B Em F#

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

*To stanzas* *Last time*

G Em<sup>7</sup> Asus A D A<sup>7</sup> D

hope be-yond our sor - row. sor - row.

Bm F#m/A

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing.

G F Em  
 grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all  
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your  
 ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all  
 teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

F#m7 G Bm A/C# G/B A7 *Refrain*  
 com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 vi - sion, God of love.  
 kind - ness, be our guide.  
 pas - sion, fill each heart.

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## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.