



Hope UCC Weekly Update: July 18, 2021

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.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering is one of the 5 special offerings our congregation collects for the United Church of Christ. This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Hope UCC's Mission and Outreach Ministry thanks you for your support of this special offering which will be received on July 11 during worship (or can be delivered to church at any time this month). Please note "STC" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope. Thank you again for your support.

Summerfest at Hope UCC - July 26-26, 5:45-7:30 P.M.

Families of one and families of many are invited to explore and discover God's treasures at Summerfest 2021! For the younger kids: A VBS program exploring how God is at work in Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments.

For the 'big' kids/kids at heart: A Bible study exploring the stories of the well-known and not-so-well-known women in the Bible.

For everyone: Dinner and opening and closing worship together each evening.

***If you plan to attend, please have your registration form turned in by July 23.**

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

We are so happy to be able to once again gather for coffee hour together. Many thanks to Dick and Phebe Head who have been taking care of setting up and cleaning up each week. We are hoping to get volunteers to help provide the snacks and to clean up following this fellowship time. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or by calling or emailing Pam in the church office. We thank you for your help in providing this important time together.

Celebration of Life for Sam Brown

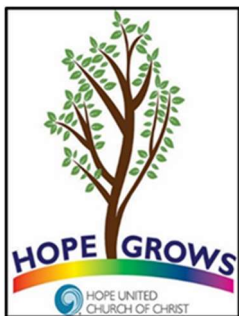
Linda Brown would like to invite you all to a Celebration of Life for her beloved husband Sam. Sam passed away in March of 2020 when all the Covid restrictions were in place. She is looking forward to celebrating this great guy with their family and friends!

Please join Linda on Saturday, August 21 at this open house from 1:00-4:00 P.M. at City View Celebrations at Trimble Pointe 701 12th St. in Moline.

Sharing of Sam stories will begin at 2 p.m. Please wear bright clothing or Bears attire as Sam was a colorful guy! Please bring a written memory of Sam so the family can enjoy them later!

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Fellowship will restart in August. The first breakfast will be on Saturday, August 7th at 8:00 a.m. We will continue to hold these breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month. All men in the church are invited. Hope to see you there. Any questions, give me a call. Dan Hawotte



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

We are glad you are here!

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
 you are welcome at Hope UCC!*

***Those who are able, please stand**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

Many: We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

Many: This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.

One: We have a covenant with our Creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

Many: God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

***OPENING HYMN #42 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (see end of bulletin)

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING OF PEACE**

We are created in the image of God and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives. God cares for us and invests us with responsibility. Thus God honors us with high expectations and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people. We are loved. We are forgiven. Our baptism is renewed.

Let us offer one another the gift of peace. May the Lord's peace be with you!

(If you are using this liturgy as a private devotion or participating in the live stream worship, please hold out your hands in blessing for all you are joined with in spirit. If you are participating in the live stream worship, please type in your peace greeting.)

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

One: May 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.

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;[£]
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right[£] spirit within me.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON "I Confess"

SERMON HYMN #179 We Yearn O Christ for Wholeness (see end of bulletin)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We bring a portion of all God entrusts to us to be used, not for our pet projects, but for the mission of the church, in this community, throughout our land and around the world. We express our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the peace we know deep within when we become disciples and apostles. May we follow the model of God's generosity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

One: Live with hope, for God is with us every day. Live in peace, for God turns us from hostility.

Many: We are one in Christ, who died for us. We are one in the Spirit who creates community.

One: Renew your covenant vows with God and people. Celebrate the oneness of humanity in Christ.

Many: We have daily access to God our Parent. We are citizens with the saints in God's family.

One: There are people in the marketplace awaiting good news. Go to people you know who need your healing presence.

Many: We seek to recognize the needs around us. We commit ourselves to help as God give us strength.

POSTLUDE

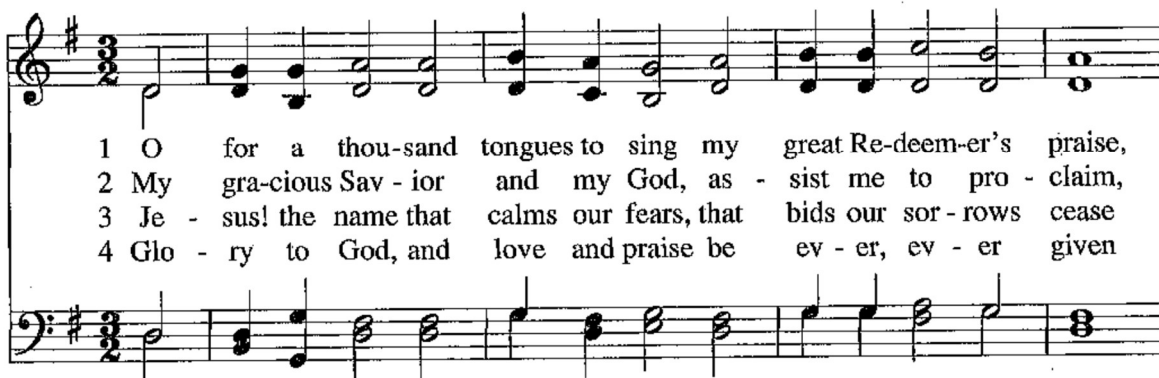
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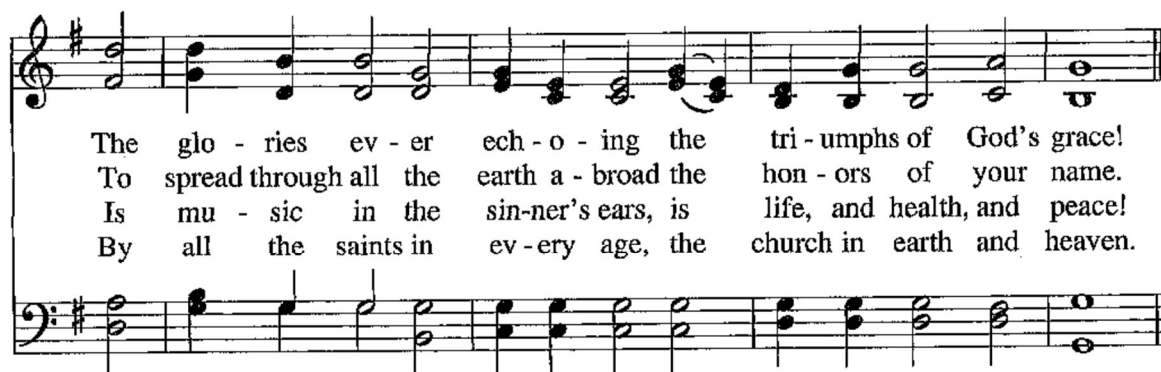
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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.

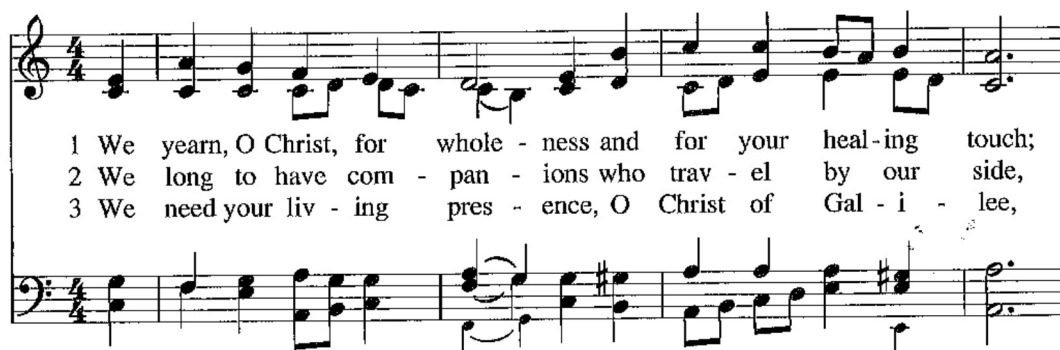
The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

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

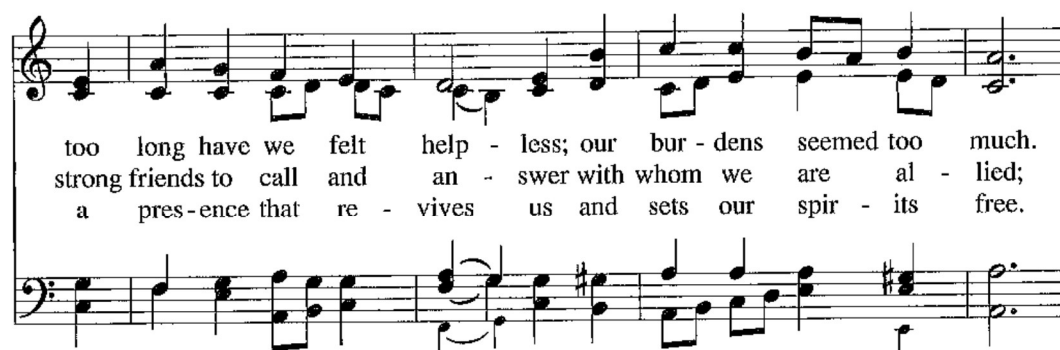
We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993



1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
For another harmonization, see 202