



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: July 11, 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.*

### **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**

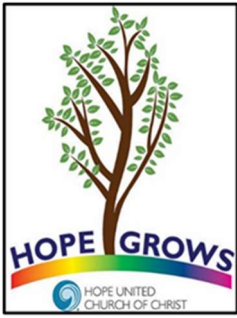
Linda Brown would like to invite you all to a Celebration of Life for her beloved husband Sam. Sam passed away in March of 2020 when all the Covid restrictions were in place. She is looking forward to celebrating this great guy with their family and friends!

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11, 2021**  
**Seventh 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!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Blessed be the God and parent of our Savior Jesus Christ! Thank God for every spiritual blessing.

**Many:** May the glory of God be known in this place! May God's peace dwell in this and every land!

**One:** Who shall ascend the hill to reach for God? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Many:** Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, those who are not false or deceitful.

**One:** God speaks peace to those who are faithful. Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

**Many:** We have come to hear the word of truth. We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.

INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

**Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that reveals our deceit and leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and blessing, hear us as we turn to you with all our hearts. We have not been faithful to your word of love. We have hurt others and held grudges. We have been jealous and deceitful and ungrateful. We have turned from your Word and resisted the Holy Spirit. We have wanted our inheritance from you without the responsibilities that go with it. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and healing that we might respond with joy to the spiritual blessing you offer. 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.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### 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 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- <sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- <sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

### Mark 6:14-29

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for

his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias<sup>£</sup> came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's<sup>£</sup> head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## SERMON "Songs of Summer"

SERMON HYMN #505 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (see end of bulletin)

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

The earth belongs to God, and all that is in it. The world is God's creation, and so are we. All that we have is from the gifts of God, meant as a blessing for all to share. In these moments, we recognize our responsibility to manage these resources for the redemption of all God's people. Let us give with care.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With joyous praise and dancing spirits, we dedicate this offering, acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share your word and love all your people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight we have received. Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

One: Remember each day that you are chosen by God. Be open to the spiritual blessings available at all times.

**Many: We are cleansed and free, purified and made whole. Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

One: Dwell in the mystery of God's will for you. Dare to reach out in love to those who share your world.

**Many: We will seek God's counsel daily. We will open our hearts to others' pain.**

One: The Holy Spirit goes with you to empower you. The love of Christ sustains you in all circumstances.

**Many: We have been blessed and fed in this place. We will share with others the joy we have known.**

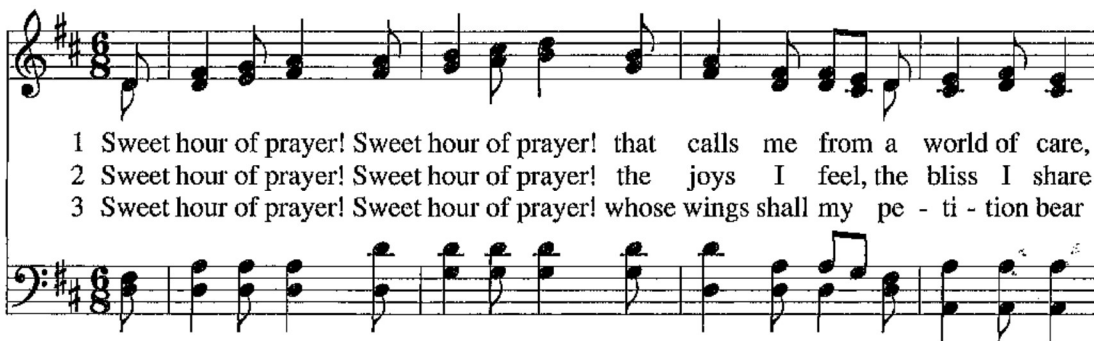
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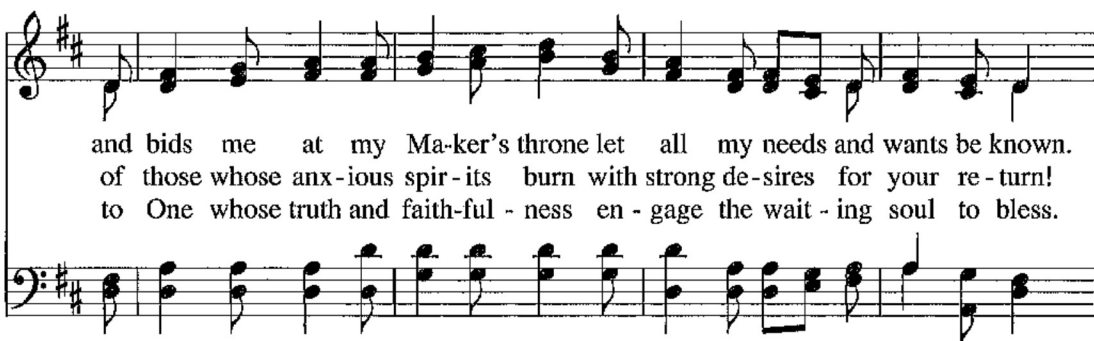
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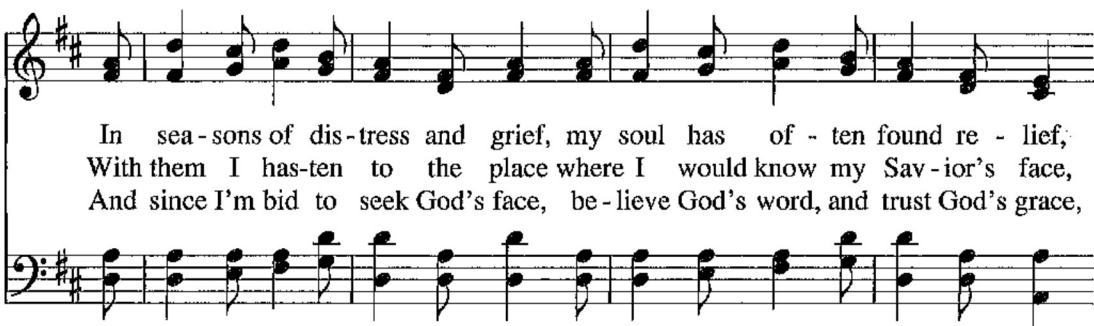
## Sweet Hour of Prayer

*William Walford, 1845; alt.*


1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!  
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
 With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,  
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be-lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
 I'll cast a-way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

*Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."*

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.  
*William B. Bradbury, 1861*