



## Hope UCC Weekly Update: March 29, 2026

*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.*



### Palm Sunday March 29 – Prepare to Draw Near: Following Jesus to the Cross

Join us for a service that will explore Jesus's entry into Jerusalem the final week of his earthly life. Our Member in Discernment, Lindsey Svetlick, will preach this Sunday.

### Maundy Thursday April 2 – Prepare to Draw Near: From the Water to the Table to the Garden

We will join with our friends from First Congregational Moline to celebrate this special service together at Hope UCC.

#### **5:00-6:00 PM: Draw Near to the Water: A Service of Foot Washing in Hope UCC's Sanctuary**

This portion of the evening is optional for everyone, but we encourage your participation. Arrive anytime during this portion of the evening and participate in the ritual of foot washing based on the Gospel of John. Pastor Duane, Pastor Santana, and Lindsey will serve this portion of the evening and will wash your hand if that is your preference.

#### **6:00 PM: Draw Near to the Table: Fellowship Potluck Meal in Fellowship Hall**

We will join together for a potluck dinner that will transition into the service of Holy Communion shared at our tables.

#### **6:45 PM: Draw Near to the Garden in Fellowship Hall**

Our Tenebrae Service begins with sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will hear the story of betrayal leading us to the arrest of Jesus in the Garden as candles are extinguished.

\*If you are not able to join us for dinner, we hope you will join us for the rest of the service. Please arrive close to 6:45 so we can share the evening with you.

### Good Friday April 3 – Draw Near to the Cross

We will again join with our friends from First Congregational Moline to share this special service. We will gather at 7:00 P.M. at Trimble Funeral Home for this service. We chose this location for a very specific reason. In today's society, we gather to mourn our beloveds, process our loss, make arrangements, and celebrate the lives of our beloveds in funeral homes. As we share the Good Friday service and hear the scriptures, reflections, and sing the hymns that all explore the death of Jesus on the cross, we are reminded of how his death deeply impacted his family, friends, and even those who despised him. We will once again be blessed by the combined vocal choirs of Hope UCC and FCC UCC Moline in this worship service. Following the service, there will be an opportunity to gather downstairs in the event space at Trimble's for further reflection and conversation about the Holy Week journey. We hope you will join us for this special service.

### Easter Sunday Celebration and Festival Worship – Draw Near and Rejoice at the Empty Tomb

Our Easter Sunday worship will be a joyful celebration of the promise of New Life. Join us at 10:00 AM for a special worship service with special music, Holy Communion, and joyful fellowship.

### **Easter Sunday Fellowship Brunch**

All are welcome to enjoy a fun brunch following worship on Easter Sunday. Once again, our amazing Fellowship Ministry friends are organizing a festive and delicious Easter brunch to enjoy during Fellowship Hour following worship. If you are able to bring something to the brunch, there will be a sign-up sheet in church on Sunday, March 29. Also, rumor has it that a special guest will be at brunch to bring some Easter treats and smiles to everyone. We are looking forward to sharing this time together. If you have any questions, please see Caridad Ramos and Julie Bustard.

### **Happy 80th Birthday to Jan Varga!**

Jan's family invite you to share a birthday lunch celebration during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, April 12 following worship. Lunch and cake and fellowship together following worship celebrating this special lady – what a special Sunday together!!

### **Spring Program Starting April 13: A Journey of Soul and Soil: Pole to Pole**

All ages are welcome to join together to view and discuss the fascinating and thought provoking documentary series Pole to Pole. The series covers Will Smith's 26,000 mile pilgrimage from the North Pole to the South Pole and all that is discovered about our shared humanity, spiritual connection, and our sacred responsibility to the planet and each other. This program and our discussion will remind us that even in the most extreme corners of the globe, we are never truly alone.

We will meet twice a week to watch and discuss the spiritual, global, and environmental themes and ideas in this pilgrimage story.

Week 1: April 13th & 16th

Week 2: April 20th & 23rd

Week 3: April 27th & 30th

Week 4: May 4th & May 7th

Dinner: 5:30 pm - Bring your own dinner

Show: 6 pm - Watch one episode together

Conversation: 7 pm - Let's talk about it!

### **Ruth Circle: April 20 at 1pm**

Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, April 20 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

### **Hope UCC Book Club: March 30, 2:30pm at Hope UCC**

Join the Book Club to discuss this month's selection **Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty**. We meet on March 30th at 2:30 P.M. at Hope UCC and all are welcome. See you there!

**Order Easter Lilies and Flowering Bulb Plants**

Order Easter Lilies and Flowering Bulb Plants in memory or in honor of a loved one for Easter morning. All orders are due to church office by Monday, March 23rd. Please fill out the information below and return with your payment. Please note 'Easter Flowers' either on the memo of your check or on the envelope. All plants are \$15 each and you are welcome to take your plant home with you following the Easter Service on April 5th. Thank you!



**Easter Lily and Flowering Plant Order Form**  
**Order your Easter Lily and Flowering Plants**  
**in memory of and/or in honor of a loved one.**  
**All orders are due by Monday, March 23rd.**

Quantity (\$15 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

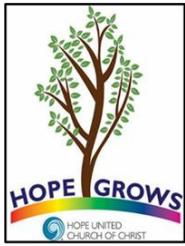
In honor of/in memory of (please circle one):

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**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING EASTER LILIES OR FLOWERING BULB PLANTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>.**



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL  
Worship Bulletin March 29, 2026**

**Prepare to Draw Near  
Following Jesus to the Cross**

**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

*Hosana, Loud Hosana*

*arr. by Stephen DeCesare*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD HYMN

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*

**O Lord Hear My Prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.**



\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day of joyous welcome.  
Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

**Many: We welcome Christ with waving branches.  
We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

One: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.  
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**Many: Jesus rides into the chaos of our times.  
People still oppose the way of love.**

One: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.  
Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Many: Open to us the gates of righteousness.  
Let us enter in the light God offers.**



OPENING HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Be gracious to us, O God, in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us as we rejoice in the day you have made. Our times are in your hands, both when we mourn and when we celebrate. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the possibilities in every day. We trust in you, O God. Let your face shine on your servants. Amen.**



### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mod scene. We heap our doubts on you even though our inaction adds power to those who shout, "Crucify." We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? One voice simply becomes one more victim. O God, we protest, but we know deep deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God, we want to be faithful. Why does it cost so much? 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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1–11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SERMON

*Lindsey Svetlick, Member in Discernment*

SERMON HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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Please scan this  
QR Code for a link  
to Hope UCC's  
donations page.



INVITATION TO OFFERING

For thirty pieces of silver, Jesus Christ was betrayed. And still today he is denied in the way we use the resources entrusted to us. God does not ask of us a token of support. We are called to give our all, of which our offering here is but a symbol. Will our gifts shout good news to the world?

*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

**May these offerings bring life-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity that echo your steadfast love around the world. May your saints be raised to new life that cuts through the deceptions of society to bring your new order among us, O God of all times and places. Amen.**



\*CLOSING HYMN

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

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\*BENEDICTION

One: Lift high the branches that honor Jesus Christ.  
Lift high the cross that proclaims love's sacrifice.

**Many: We will wave our greeting with joyous praise.  
We will risk the commitment that led to a cross.**

One: We are under oath before the living God.  
May we have no reason to weep when the cock crows.

**Many: The promises we have made excite and challenge us.  
We seek to be loyal and courageous in Christ's service.**

One: God keeps covenant with us in all circumstances.  
The cup of blessing is extended to us every day.

**Many: May our flesh be strengthened to match our willing spirits.  
May love prevail in all our dealings this week. Amen.**



\*POSTLUDE As we transition into the postlude of our service, please feel free to remain seated, or if you prefer, you are welcome to exit or head into the Fellowship Hall at this time. Blessings to you as we go forward into the world sharing God's love.

*The King of Glory Israeli Folk Song*

*arr. by Stephen DeCesare*

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**Serving in Worship Today:** Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor  
Lindsey Svetlick, Member in Discernment

**Liturgist:** Nanc Kinley

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

**Accompanist:** Robyn Carter

**Greeter:** Barb Hawotte

**Fellowship Hour:** Kathy Lewis

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

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century*  
*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.*

*Matt. 21:8-9*

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,  
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,  
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

*Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.*

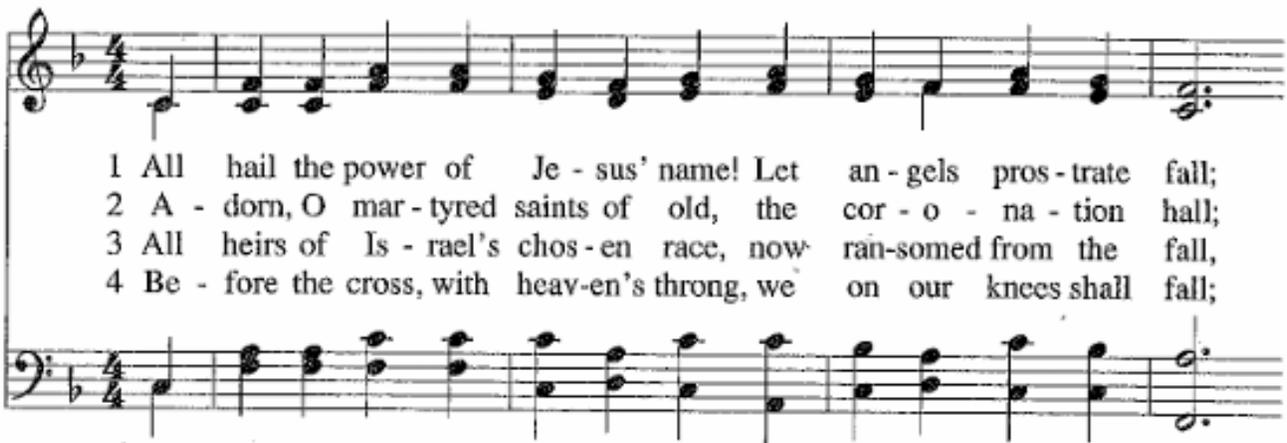
Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)  
 Melchior Teschner, 1615  
 For another setting, see 217

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

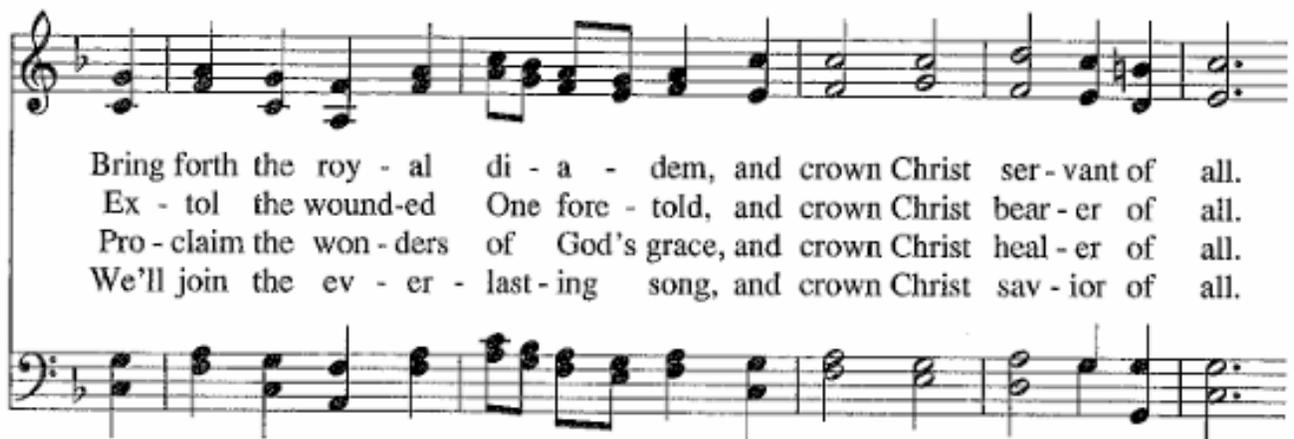
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St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.  
St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.

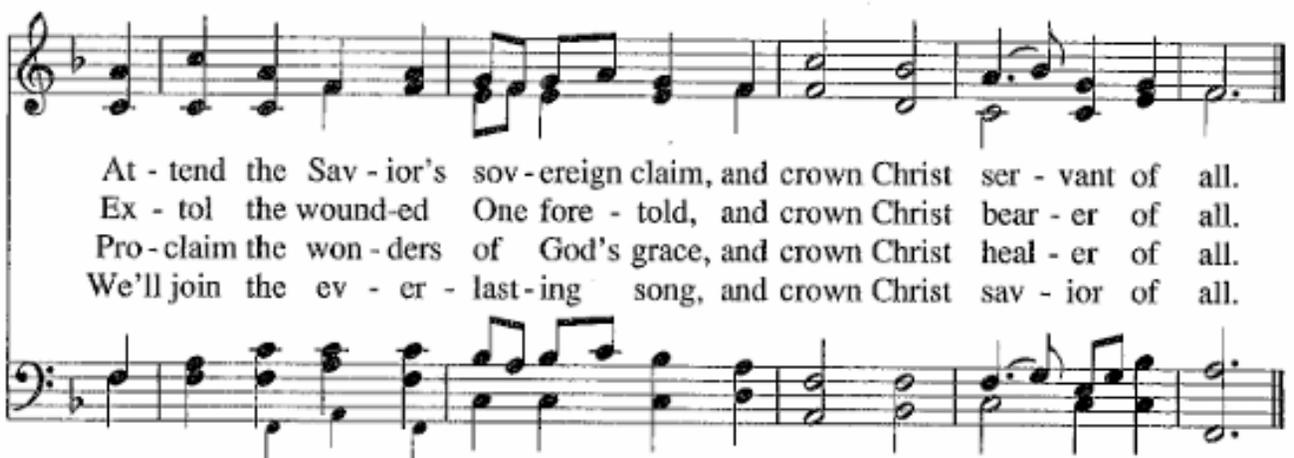
Rev. 19; 5:9; Phil. 2:9-11



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;  
3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now rai - somed from the fall,  
4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.  
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.  
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.  
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.  
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

*Edward Perronet, long a worker for English Methodism, later became a Congregational minister near Canterbury. John Rippon, an English Baptist minister, wrote more than 1,000 hymns. The tune is by Oliver Holden, an early American carpenter, legislator, musician, and hymnal editor.*

Tune: CORONATION C.M.  
Oliver Holden, 1793

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## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9

Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
 2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
 3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!  
 4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!

O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,  
 As crowds of peo - ple come to see  
 Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;  
 For you have set your peo - ple free

On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,  
 And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high  
 Be - hold the ones you came to save  
 And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,

as palms and cloaks are spread for you.  
 their praise for one a - bout to die.  
 from sense - less life and end - less grave.  
 now meet a - gain to hail your reign.

Henry H. Milman, a priest of the Church of England, served successively as professor of poetry at Oxford, canon of Westminster, and dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He was also a successful playwright and historian.

Tune: ST. DROSTANE L.M.

John B. Dykes, 1862

Alternate tune: WINCHESTER NEW