

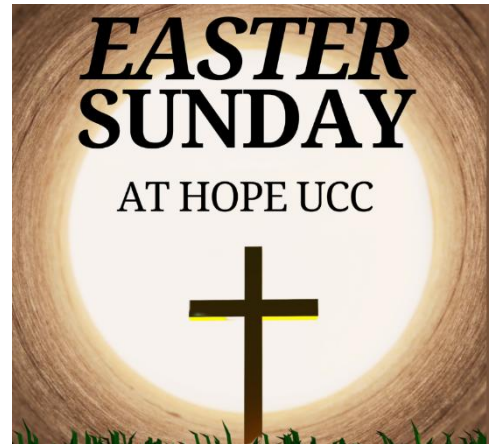


Hope UCC Weekly Update: April 20th, 2025

There is always something happening at Hope UCC! This Weekly Update will provide you with announcements, information, and updates on all that is going on in our community – at church and beyond.

Easter Sunday at Hope UCC April 20 at 10:00 A.M

Join us at 10:00 A.M. on Easter morning for our Festival Celebration Worship Service! This service is a joyful time together where all ages are welcome to celebrate the Good News of our risen Savior. We will praise God through music, Word, prayer, and the sacrament of Holy Communion at this special service. This service will also be livestreamed on Hope UCC's Facebook page. Easter Sunday is a great day to invite a friend to worship. We hope to see you here! Also, rumor has it we will have a special visitor during Fellowship Hour who will be handing out Easter treats!



Save the Dates:

May 25: Confirmation Class Fundraiser: Artists for the Lost Paws Taco Lunch and Art Sale

12:00 at Church of Peace. Watch for more information.

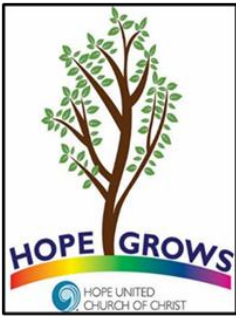
May 30-31 Hope UCC Annual Yard Sale: Start saving all the things you are ready to move on that will soon become someone else's treasures!

Ruth Circle: April 21st at 1pm

Please join us for our monthly Ruth Circle meeting at Hope UCC. Bring a friend for a time of fellowship, planning, and good energy together.

Hope UCC Book Club: April 28, 2:30pm at Hope UCC

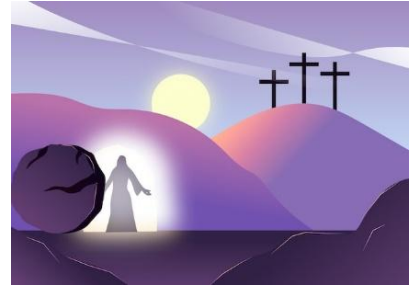
Join the Book Club to discuss this month's selection **June Bug** by **Chris Fabry**. We meet on April 28th at 2:30 P.M. at Hope UCC and all are welcome. See you there!



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
 Worship Bulletin April 20th, 2025
 Easter Sunday
 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

WELCOME



*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ is risen!

MANY: Christ is risen indeed!

ONE: Sing the glad songs of victory;
 God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**MANY: God is our strength and our song;
 this is the day of our salvation.**

ONE: Christ has been raised from the dead,
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**MANY: The one who was rejected assures us:
 we are accepted and beloved by God.**

ONE: We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news.
 We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**MANY: God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice.
 In Christ, all shall be made alive.
 Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**



*OPENING HYMN

NCH #233

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (see end of bulletin)



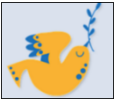
*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first in silence)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgment we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. 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 participating in the live stream worship, please type in your peace greeting.



BELL CHOIR ANTEM

Christ Is Alive! All Christians Sing

LEARNING FROM OUR CHILDREN



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 the Holy Spirit offers, we join in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying together: 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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

ONE:

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

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

MANY:

¹⁴ **The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

ONE:

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

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

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

MANY:

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ **This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,¹ "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**SERMON**

Finding Joy Again

**CHOIR HYMN**

Risen Today & Joyful, Joyful: An Easter Medley

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

We who enjoy the work of our hands do not labor in vain. We who invest the fruits of our effort in the sharing of good news are doubly blessed. May our gifts represent our commitment, even as they bear witness and offer healing. Let us give thanks through our offerings.

Hope UCC thanks you for the gifts you share with this congregation. Your offering helps us to live into our mission. Offering plates are located near Sanctuary doors.



UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.



GATHERING AT THE TABLE: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Remember

One: Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other and creation:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Consecration

One: Let us pray...

Many: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen

Breaking Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated through an Open Table at Hope UCC. All are invited to share this holy meal. Please come forward to receive a piece of bread and then take a cup from the tray. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, Pastor Santina will bring it to you in your pew. All the bread is gluten free.



COMMUNION HYMN

NCH #245

The Day of Resurrection (see end of bulletin)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence and the holy renewal in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us as we find healing and renewal at this table so that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that we may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

NCH #231

Because You Live, O Christ (see end of bulletin)



BENEDICTION

ONE: Spread the message: Christ is alive!
Live the good news: our lives are renewed!

**MANY: We have seen and heard the good news.
We have been touched by the presence of Christ.**

ONE: Share the Word: God's peace is offered to all.
Communicate the power of love: be transformed.

**MANY: We are saved and reconciled and empowered.
God has chosen us to make all things new.**

ONE: Announce and proclaim: God is our strength.
Rejoice in the promise: we shall triumph over death.

**MANY: We will tell friends of our discoveries.
We will witness to God's surprising activity.
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen!**



POSTLUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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Serving in Worship Today

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EASTER

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

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Because You Live, O Christ

Luke 24:1-10

Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

1 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the
 2 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of
 3 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the rain - bow of your

world has come to flow - er, the shad - ows of the tomb
 hope is freed for fly - ing, our ca - ges of de - spair
 peace will span cre - a - tion, the col - ors of your love

are flood - ed with your res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 no long - er keep us closed and life - de - ny - ing.
 will draw all hu - man - kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

The stone has rolled a - way and death can - not im - pris - on! O

New Zealand hymnwriter Shirley Erena Murray expressed her aims in writing this new text for the beloved Easter tune Vreuchten: "I wanted a fresh expression of community joyfulness, with light, color, and the vision of the covenant rainbow through the Resurrection."

Tune: VRUECHTEN 6.7.6.7. with refrain
 Melody in David's Psalmen, 1685
 J. Oudaen, Amsterdam

First system of a hymn in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: sing this Eas - ter Day, for Je - sus Christ has ris - en, has

Second system of the hymn. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!



Easter Lilies gracing the sanctuary this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory by the following members and friends:

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