



### **Hope UCC Weekly Update: July 6, 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.*

### **Welcome Rev. Carol Holtz-Martin**

We welcome Pastor Carol as she serves at Hope UCC throughout the month of July while Pastor Santana takes this month away. Pastor Carol will be in the office during the week and will lead worship on Sundays. She is also available for visits and calls. We are so glad to have her with us this month. Thank you, Pastor Carol for being part of our church family!

### **Hope UCC at General Synod!**

Hope UCC's own Lindsey Svetlick will be in Kansas City, MO, for the 35th General Synod of the UCC from July 11-15. The theme this year is "Into the Deep" and Lindsey will have the opportunity to serve as a voting delegate for our Illinois Conference. Many resolutions will be discussed, debated, and voted on during this Synod. In addition, Lindsey will experience exciting worship services as well as attend many interesting and educational workshops – all with UCC clergy and laity from all over the United States. This is a tremendous opportunity for Lindsey as she continues her Member in Discernment journey and we are so proud to have her representing Hope UCC and our Western Association of the Illinois Conference at this important gathering. Way to go, Lindsey!! We can't wait to hear all about your adventures at our General Synod. God bless you and safe travels.

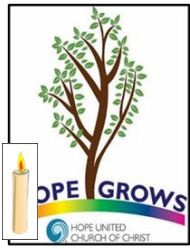
### **Hope UCC Book Club July 28th at 2:30 p.m.**

Hope UCC's Book Club will be meeting on Monday, July 28th at 2:30 p.m. The book selection is The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.

### **Ruth Circle: July 17th at 5pm**



Ruth Circle will be meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a boot stomping good time at Late Rider, a country western bar & grill. Their address is 1405 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Moline. We will have dinner as well as live music. As always, all are welcome. Please call Dorothy Burdick if you have questions.



**Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL**  
**Worship Bulletin July 6, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

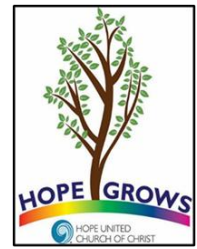
Reverend Carol Holtz-Martin

*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 Singing through the Lord's Prayer: Your Kingdom Come - "Seek Ye First"  
 Arranged for violin and guitar by: Laurel Filzen Etzel and Greg Etzel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*COMING TOGETHER AS A WORSHIP COMMUNITY**

One: The realm of God has come near.

Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

**Many: We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up.**

**You rescued us from the pit and restored us to life.**

One Sing praises to God, all faithful ones.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

**Many: We have known your favor, O God, in many ways.**

**You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.**

One: Rejoice in the work you are given to do.

Give thanks that your names are known to God.

**Many: We will praise you, O God, and not be silent.**

**We will give thanks to you forever.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**NCH #372**

*God, You Have Set Us (verses 1,2,3)*

**\*INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

**Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING OUR CONFESSION**

**Gentle God, angry God, gracious God, we know we have let you down in many ways. We have not lived up to your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace, and instead we pick fights with our sisters and brothers. You commission us to travel light, and we become bogged down with our possessions. You ask us to help ease the burdens others carry, but we add to them. You call us to joy in your inclusive realm, but instead we create our own ghettos. Patient God, will you forgive us again? Amen.**

\*RECEIVING THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

LEARNING FROM OUR CHILDREN

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

Psalms 30

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 6:1-5, 7-10

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup> "Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be revered as holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

SERMON

*Lord, Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON HYMN

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Dear Lord, who art wherever love abideth  
 May all the earth revere thy holy name;  
 Thy kingdom come in all its power and beauty  
 In all our hearts, over all the earth, we pray;  
 Thy will be done each of us true to duty  
 In all we think, in all we do and say.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, our Maker;  
 Forgive our debts, for we too have forgiven.  
 Lend us thy grace when we must face temptation;  
 Save us from evil at our work or play.  
 Thine is the kingdom; thine the power, Creator,  
 Thine be the glory, evermore. Amen.**

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

Our offerings support the ministry of this church as we reach out together to announce the better way God intends for all of us. In our giving, we extend a welcome, practice hospitality, offer healing, become reapers in God's harvest, and extend the peace of God to the world. May our offerings honor the one who gives us all we have.

*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.*

## BLESSING OUR GIFTS

**With gratitude for your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may your name be praised here and in many other places. 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

### Consecration

One: Let us pray...

### 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 Carol Martin will bring it to you in your pew.*

COMMUNION HYMN

NCH #337

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

## 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 #372

*God, You Have Set Us (verses 4-5)*

\*BENEDICTION

One: God sends us out as lambs among wolves.

It is not easy to proclaim the gospel.

**Many: We will not fear to let our faith be known.****We want to carry God's peace into our world.**

One: Your words and deeds can be simple and direct.

Your witness is to be gentle and kind.

**Many: We will listen before we speak.****We will seek to love without judging.**

One: The peace of God dwells in you and will help you.

The Spirit will grant you authority and power.

**Many: We accept God's gifts and promises.****We will not grow weary of doing what is right. Amen.**

POSTLUDE Singing through the Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who is in Heaven - "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Arranged for violin and guitar by: Laurel Filzen Etzel and Greg Etzel

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**Serving in Worship Today**

Reverend Carol Holtz-Martin

**Liturgist:** Bek Svetlick**Ministers of Music:** Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel**Accompanist:** Mary Tallitsch**Greeter:** Caridad Ramos**Communion Preparation:** Jan Varga, Judy Hawotte, Jim Grafton, Julie Bustard**Fellowship Hour:** Kathy Lewis, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

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



# God, You Have Set Us

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Jane Parker Huber, 1984; rev. 1993

1 Cor. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:10-11

1 God, you have set us in this time and place,  
 2 We ded - i - cate this work of hu - man hand;  
 3 Let doors and hearts pro-vide a wel-come here.  
 4 Call youth and age in - to these halls for praise.  
 5 So may the world be-come our neigh-bor - hood,

Called us as stew - ards of your love and grace.  
 Built for your glo - ry, may it firm - ly stand.  
 Let walls and voic - es ring with songs of cheer.  
 Then send us out for ser - vice all our days,  
 Each wish - ing each the right, the true, the good,

O keep us faith - ful, set our souls a - fire,  
 Let truth be preached and jus - tice right - ly done.  
 Let win - dows speak of beau - ty and of light.  
 Your word of peace and chal-lenge here made real  
 Word, font, and ta - ble call - ing us to be

And by your Spir - it all our work in - spire.  
 In Christ our Sav - ior make us tru - ly one.  
 Let smile and ges - ture show your love a - right.  
 Spurs us to act with en - er - gy and zeal.  
 Bound up in Christ, in Christ set bold - ly free.

Commissioned to write a hymn for the dedication of a remodeled sanctuary and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church of Saint Andrew in Roswell, Georgia, Jane Parker Huber provided a text that could be used by others for related occasions.

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10.  
 George William Warren, 1892

# Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

Matt. 18:20

*Unison*

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

British hymnal editor Percy Dearmer originally wrote these stanzas under a pseudonym as part of a postcommunion hymn by George H. Bourne. The tune was adapted from an anthem by Harold Friedell and is named for Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Tune: UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.  
 Harold Friedell, 1957  
 Adapt. Jet Turner, 1967