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Hope Congregational UCC
Order of Worship 07-02-2023, 10:30 AM
5th Sunday after Pentecost / Communion Sunday

*“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s
journey,
you are welcome here!” – UCC motto*

*"A black cat crossing your path signifies that the
animal is going somewhere" - Julius Marx*

- *Where you see this, please stand.*

Gathering Music: Kim Kuda

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)
Deacon

Introit: “We Enter Your Church, Lord” (insert)

- **Call to Worship**

Deacon: Praise to the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the
Lord, who is good and whose steadfast love
endures forever.

**Many: Who can utter the mighty doings of the
Lord, or declare the praise God is due?**

Deacon: Happy are those who observe justice, who do
righteousness at all times.

**All: Remember me, Oh Lord, when you show
favor to your people; help me when you
deliver them. Let us worship God!**

- **Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy” No. 136**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon: Oh Christ, we confess that we make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people.

All: At times, dissension hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake in your grace.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Rev. Ryder: Let us pray...

Scripture reminds us that we are loved and claimed by a forgiving and merciful Creator. Our sins are forgiven, and we are invited to live again in the light of God's healing love.

All: Thanks be to God!

- **Gloria Patri** **No. 734**

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ryder

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev Ryder: God calls us to create a community which welcomes all:

To care and love unconditionally,
To free us and create a welcome for all.
May the Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also, with you!

Rev. Ryder: Let share that welcome with each other,
that Love!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Deacon

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not

make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of

tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Sermon: "Daisy and Julius" Rev Ryder

- **Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 581**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
PASTORAL PRAYER (INCLUDING PRAYER CONCERNS)**

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

Lord's Prayer: (using "debts" and "debtors") All

Prayer Response: Let the Church Say Amen All

*Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING Rev. Ryder

**Offertory Music: "We Come to Your Table"
Music Team**

- **Doxology "Alleluia No. 1"**

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!
Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. [Refrain]*

• **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** All

We pray that these gifts represent our desire to be faithful in our daily living. We ask that you bless our offerings, not just of our money but of ourselves, in order to make of us the salt and light in the world you call us to be. May these gifts further your will for justice, love and peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ryder

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

All: We are ready!

UCC Statement of Faith

Back of hymnal

Rev. Ryder: Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

All: **We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!**

Words of Institution

Rev. Ryder: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

All: **“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Rev. Ryder: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

All: **“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”**

Rev. Ryder: Let us pray...Bless us, therefore, by your Holy Spirit that we receive the consecrated bread and fruit of the vine at this table, we may offer you our faith and

praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

Rev. Ryder: Through the broken bread...

All: We participate in the Body of Christ.

Rev. Ryder: Through the cup of blessing . . .

All: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

Rev. Ryder: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Let us share the bread and cup together!

Communion Song: “Here in Your Presence”

Music Team

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving All

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care.

Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory”** **No. 569**

Benediction

Rev. Ryder

CHORAL BENEDICTION “This is the day!”

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

PASTOR - Rev. Robert Nolan

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dot Leone,

Dale Magnuson, Kim Kuda

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob is on vacation this week. He would also like to visit with our members when they are available in the office or at their home. If you are interested, contact the office or Rev. Ryder directly.
- New office hours have been established for each week, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 AM - 1 PM.
- The Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day.
- The “Get Crafty” group has created prayer squares, a pocket-sized version of a prayer shawl. This group will reconnect in September!
- And don’t forget your used clothing for the St. Pauly shed!