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## **“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”**

*Please take a moment to sign the attendance pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.*

### **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Organ selections this morning are taken from  
"Partita on Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" by Robert A. Hobby*

### **PRELUDE** “Ornamented Chorale”

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

### **\*VISIONING PRAYER**

by Sharon Alberson

God, help us to be welcoming. God, help us to be loving.  
God, help us to see that serving you can lead us to  
A place full of grace with no limits where we can be free...  
To open our hands, welcoming. To open our hearts, loving  
To be more than church on Sunday, to live in the light from above;  
To celebrate in service and love.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are we

People: **when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

Leader: Happy are we

People: **when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

Leader: Happy are we

People: **when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

Leader: Happy are we

People: **when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” (vs. 1-4)**

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women’s  
Center and Ruth Duck, 1974  
MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA  
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1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your  
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who  
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and  
 5. An gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God

1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, 're - stored, for - giv - en,  
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,  
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,  
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!  
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)** (inspired by Psalm 1)

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life; you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

You are like the sunlight enticing us taller and like the breeze rustling our leaves.

You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat, and in the nights when winter's frost ices the landscape your love warms and sustains us.

You are everything to us.

O let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful, let our worship be wonder-full!

Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" (vs. 5)

**ANTHEM** "A Mozart Canon" – Based on a melody by W. A. Mozart; Chancel Choir  
Arr. with additional music by Donald Moore; Deana Ockunzzi – Flute

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Stacie Yates  
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee". It consists of three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a prayer response.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879  
MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON  
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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation (unison)

Our hearts are devious above all else. Break them of this habit and open our hearts to our neighbor. Accept our offering today, we humbly pray.

Offertory Music "Pastorale"

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

\*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison) (Jeremiah 17:13)

Exalted from the beginning, shrine of our sanctuary, O hope of Israel! O Lord! Be the fountain of living water for all the people we pray. Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN

"Christ for the World We Sing"



1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to



Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the  
Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott, 1869  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN  
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**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: It seemed like a good idea to come here today.  
 People: **We could have been reading the paper or checking social media  
 But it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to be here today.**  
 Leader: May the blessings of the Triune God follow you this week.  
 People: **May we recognize our need for God and neighbor.  
 Be hungry to help and to call for justice.  
 May the love of God make us weep and no longer take the gift of life for granted.  
 May we be excluded for Jesus' sake and for the sake of God's kingdom.**  
 Leader: For this we ask, for this we pray. Go! For this service has ended,  
 People: **And our service now begins.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be with You"**

God be with you 'til we meet again; By His counsels guide uphold you;  
 With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you 'til we meet again.

**\*POSTLUDE "Finale"**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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\* Those who are able are asked to please stand

Ushers: Julie Gilliland, Darlene Bagley-Fazekas, Pete Benson, Ron Greinke

**\*\*\*Please join us for the Youth Fundraiser Soup Cook-off  
 in Fellowship Hall following the service\*\*\***

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## FEBRUARY 17, 2019

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.  
MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

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February 17, 2019 thru February 24, 2019

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class</b>
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>SOUP COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER</b>
	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Both Sides of Prison: Easter Bags Meeting</b>
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>MLK Celebration of Life</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	1:00 pm	Breadmakers
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Youth Bell Choir
	6:45 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Discipleship &amp; Education Team</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Garfield Deliveries</b>	
	5:00 PM	Founders Day Rehearsal
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Congregational Council</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Middle School Nehemiah Overnight</b>	
	1:30 pm	JMM @ Evergreen
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Middle School Nehemiah Overnight</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP* THEATER PROGRAM* WITH COVERED DISH LUNCH TO FOLLOW</b>
	<b>Founder's Day – 1919 Worship Style Service</b>	
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	High School Mission Trip Parent Mtg.
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows Sing-a-long
	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class with Parents
	7:00 pm	JMM @ WRMC

**Worship Highlights** 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Jeremiah 17:5-10 & Luke 6:17-26

“Good News for People Who Like Bad News“

Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** are given by Jan Coleman in loving honor of Kellie's birthday and Jan & Tad's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### SOUP COOK OFF TODAY!!!

The youth are hosting a Soup Cook Off today immediately following the 10:30 service. A prize will be awarded for the best soup along with the Golden Ladle Award! There will also be salad, bread and desserts. Make sure to bring some money if you would like to vote on your favorite soups. We hope you will plan on joining us on this day for some yummy soup, great fellowship and friendly competition!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**

### MLK, JR. CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

**RESCHEDULED FOR TODAY**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 PM**

Medina Presbyterian Church

5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.

Since this service was cancelled due to inclement weather, we have rescheduled for today. Please join us!

## DRESS-UP FOR A VINTAGE DAY

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History comes alive as we invite all to join in the festivities of the “*LEGACY LETTERS – Remembrances of a Church in 1919.*” Presented as a Readers’ Theatre, the story of a Congregational Church family will warm your heart and recall familiar facts and not so familiar history of our town. Exciting visuals and music of the times have been integrated into the production for all to see. We have a cast of dedicated readers to draw you into the life of a family. Come meet Uncle Evan, Aunt Rose and the Doughboy! See little Eve and Joel at their best! Circle February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am on your calendar. By the way—stay for lunch and share a typical 1919 hot lunch as shared by our fictional family. Such fun! See you there!

### Upcoming Youth Events:

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- \*Feb. 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class (9:15-10:15)
- \*Feb. 17 – Soup Cook Off – 11:30 am
- \*Feb. 24 – High School Mission Trip Parent Meeting 9:30 am
- \*Feb 24 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30) with Parents

## HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING

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**February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

There will be an informational meeting for parents and high school students who plan to go on the annual mission trip. The mission trip will be the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be heading to Pipestem, West Virginia. Come and find out all of the details.

## ONLINE GIVING ALWAYS AN OPTION!

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Don’t forget you can always go online to pay your pledges. Use this link: <http://uccmedina.org/give>

- Make a one-time contribution
- Register yourself for recurring giving
- Log in to your profile and update if needed

Feel free to contact Kelly 330-725-4559 if you have any questions.

## EASTER BAGS PLANNING MEETING

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**Today, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am**

It’s time to start organizing our annual “Easter Bags” for children event! Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup> this year, so the “Both Sides of Prison” group will be meeting to divide up small tasks to prepare for the 2019 Easter Bag project. All are invited to join in and pick a small task to help!

The Easter Bag Project began in 2010 and is an outreach of Christ’s love to children whose parents have been incarcerated in the Medina County Jail. For the past 9 years, the project has been organized by “Both Sides of Prison”, a Medina UCC group which looks at all aspects of the criminal justice system and how its processes affect individuals, their families and the community around us.

Please call the church office at 330-725-4559 if you have questions.

## GIFT CARD ORDERS

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Plan ahead now for Special Occasions and place your Gift Card order soon. Please see the Yellow Retailer List on the table near Fellowship Hall or visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and click on the Retailer List on the left side to view or print your own list. Complete a Green Order Form, also available on the table near Fellowship Hall and return to Kelly or Stacie with payment.

**The next order will be due a day later on  
Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

DON’T FORGET TO JOIN US NEXT WEEK

AS WE KICK OFF OUR YEAR LONG

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!**

**ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWED BY

READERS THEATER & LUNCH!



Today, is the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. Did you know that in Ancient Rome (8<sup>th</sup> Century BC to 480), that February 17<sup>th</sup> was last day of the Festival of Quirinalia? It was a festival to honor the Early Roman State God of War, Quirinus [kwlr'ihnss]. Quirinus means "wielder of the spear". The festival occurred in the spring when the Roman Army would bring out their shields and weaponry that had been stored away over the winter. So, what would a wielder of spears in 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC have to do with Jesus who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century BC – AD 33? Quite a bit actually! In AD 32-33, Jesus' ministry was throughout the Roman Province of Judea. Judea was under the authority of Roman Procurator-Prefect (military governor) Pontius Pilate, and the Imperial Roman Army which occupied Jerusalem. The Imperial Roman Army had specially trained Lancers lead by Centurions (professional officers). They kept the peace, protected all Roman citizens, and personally guarded Pontius Pilate. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell about a Centurion asking Jesus to heal a very ill servant...which Jesus does. All four Gospels state that a Centurion uses a lance (spear) to pierce Jesus' side to learn if Jesus is truly dead after crucifixion. As Jesus was wounded, so we are wounded daily by "spears" that jab us...words, actions, and deeds. Remember, through Jesus we are...**F**ree! **E**mpowered! **B**lessed! **R**edeemed! **U**nited! **A**live! **R**elaxed! **Y**-clept [ih-kleapt] Called!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SHORT MOVIE!

The 1945 film Medina - Main Street USA that was mentioned last week has been uploaded to the the [uccmedina.org](http://uccmedina.org) website. Just look under "Media > Sermons" for the link.

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Bicentennial Tidbits

During WWII, Medina high school students maintained a large white billboard at the southwest corner of the Square showing the names of our active servicemen. Not listed was our own Gene Febus, as he was growing up in Illinois at the time. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17, even before graduating from High School. He served as a parachute rigger for Carrier Air Group 6 on the USS Hancock, an Essex class carrier, which narrowly survived a Kamikaze attack off Okinawa on 7 Apr 1945. Participating also in the earlier battle for Iwo Jima, the Hancock saw 72 days straight of being at general quarters. Gene was aboard one of the ships in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the Japanese surrender and was also in the first party to go ashore.



## FEEDING MEDINA COUNTY FOOD DRIVE

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Over the next four weeks United Way is hosting a food drive for Feeding Medina County. Our Mission Team will be collecting boxes of macaroni & cheese as our church's participation. Please consider purchasing a box of macaroni and cheese and placing it in the box labeled "Feeding Medina County" by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The box is in the entry downstairs next to the BOGO box. The Mission Team needs to deliver the food to United Way by March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, you can also collect food items at your place of business and bring them to the church by March 10<sup>th</sup> for delivery to United Way.

## MARDI GRAS - DESSERTS GAMES AND PUZZLES

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**MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for a fun night of yummy desserts, games, puzzles and fellowship before we prepare for the solemn season of Lent. Please bring a dessert to share!! Hope to see you there!

## THE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CHURCH OF 2019

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Community Services Center has advised that peanut butter and jelly are the most critically needed foods for its Medina County clients. PB&J are distributed every service day at the Center. We can become their PB&J angels this year by regularly buying a jar or two and placing it in the grey BOGO bin across from the elevator. Thank you for your ongoing support of this and all our Community Outreach projects!

New Bible Study  
**TWOSDAY**  
Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

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### THE BOOK OF LUKE

We will continue with our daytime Bible Study at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays in the new library. Our next topic will be to dive into the book of Luke. No experience necessary! Come & join us!

## LENTEN SOUP DINNER PLAN AHEAD NOW

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Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Service will follow in the Sanctuary. Please sign up to bring a Crock Pot of soup (for at least 7-10 servings), Dessert (cookies/brownies, pie, cake) and/or a salad topping. When you bring in your Crock Pot of soup, please provide us with a printed copy of your soup recipe. We need your food donations by 5 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available after the Bicentennial Founders day event.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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**Beginning in April, there are still several Sundays left to sponsor Altar Flowers for 2019!** This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Please fill in your name and write "church" or "self" to let us know if you would like the church to order the flowers for you or if you will be ordering them yourself. Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service. The cost of the flowers ordered through the office is \$22.50.

## A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE CHURCH

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Our Bicentennial celebration is celebrating a birthday—the birth of our church in Medina. The Endowment Committee is inviting you to consider giving a

### *BIRTHDAY GIFT*

to the Endowment Fund to honor this special time. We invite you to be a wise builder as we would read in 1 Corinthians 3:10

*"I laid a foundation like a wise master builder...but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it"*

Won't you consider making a gift to the Endowment Fund? Just as others built this church for us, so we become builders for the future church on the Square.

## **STEPHEN MINISTERS**

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AFTER the funeral, the divorce, the diagnosis, the job loss, the tragedy, Stephen Ministers can help. How can our congregation provide care for all the “afters” in life? After being trained, Stephen Ministers can give Christ centered care and support to hurting people in an effective and biblical way. Do you want to learn more about Stephen Ministers and their wonderful caring ministry?

Come to a half day introductory workshop on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church of Berea (170 Seminary St., Berea, Ohio 44107). The cost is \$15 per person or \$50.00 per congregation (four or more). Registration forms are available in the office or call Stephen Ministries at 314-428-2600 between 8:00-5:00 Central Time or visit [stephenministry.org/workshop](http://stephenministry.org/workshop)

## **LADIES & GIRLS TEA SAVE THE DATE**

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Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 12:00-2:00 pm for the Ladies and Girls Tea. The program will be a special one featuring Angela Strach-Gotthardt from the Secret Tea Society of Hudson, Ohio. Join this certified Tea Specialist to share the flavors of the tea leaf and learn the wonderful traditions of sharing tea and conversation with moms, daughters, family and friends. You will learn about the world’s most consumed beverage, tea! It will surely brighten up your lovely April day. More information will follow but plan on joining us.

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**The deadline for submission of articles for NEXT Sunday’s *Messenger* is this Sunday at 11:30 am  
Please submit articles to the church office at [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)**

\*\*\*\*\*CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY\*\*\*\*\*

Luke 6:17-26

### Surprising Teaching

Nothing is ever the same after Jesus talk gets in your brain. When he preached on that hillside, as reported in Luke's gospel, and began with "Blessed are you who are poor" there must have been more than a few taking those words out into the Roman Empire. The church later spread those words, upending the way people thought the world worked. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, and who weep now, for everything will change." These words burned in the hearts of many in the ensuing centuries. These words that instigated change with an emphasis on the marginalized and the outcasts and those excluded from the great and powerful rooms where important decisions get made. These words grew from the bottom of society not from the top. Jesus knew that change happens from the bottom up, not from the top down.

If we are going to really call into being "A Just World for All" then we need to start preaching to the bottom from the bottom. Take racism, for example. Take it as an example of something woven into our world that creates suffering to benefit others. Jesus said blessed are those on the bottom not blessed those who oppress and stigmatize. The unraveling of the sin of racism begins in Jesus words getting inside our brains so that the world will never be the same.

A group of young people, ages 11-24, met this summer for a week in the basement of Bethany UCC in Seattle, Washington. They met there to learn and talk about dismantling racism for the sake of the world. For 17 years, this pop up social justice program has spread the word so that we, as a nation, might absolve our past by inoculating the present with visions of an aspirational nation. An aspirational vision that believes Jesus' words about hope.

Those words reorder our perceptions of the poor and move us from blaming poverty on individuals. It lifts our eyes to see the systemic forces that keep people on the bottom. Forces like lack of health care, poor education, stagnant wages, racism, segregation, lack of affordable housing and more. When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who are poor," believe him and let those words get inside your brain so they might change the world. What action can you take to fight for the powerless?