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# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL



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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.*

### **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

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

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PRELUDE** “The Beauty of My Father’s World” – Bill Wolaver 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** (written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>)

Leader: In the midst of darkness & chaos...

**People: God imagined.**

Leader: In the fury & darkness...

**People: God imagined a world filled with trees, and blue skies and fluffy white clouds.**

Leader: In the meadow, God stood and...

**People: imagined foxes, bluebirds and slithering snakes.**

Leader: In a world of rainstorms and wildlife and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

**People: God imagined humanity. God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

Leader: In a world teeming with billions of people...

**People: God imagined me.**

Leader: God imagined you and God imagined me.

**People: We are created in the image of God.**

Leader: God imagined us all.

People: God loves each of us.

Leader: Let us worship with the same imagination as the Creating One!

People: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my  
may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is  
sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834  
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK  
LM with Refrain

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship.

In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE**

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"The Lamb" – William Blake, music by Theodore Chanler

Eve Lindon, soloist

**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

#### "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of  
Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me  
while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,  
O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!

WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1875  
MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831

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### SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15

Dorothe Edinger, Liturgist

### SERMON

"Coach"

Rev. Luke Lindon

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

#### Offertory Invitation

Three-in-One, One-with-Three, Eternal Mystery; you have lead us to this moment to gather our courage and do as you would do. May our time, talent, and treasure reflect your will in this moment.

#### Offertory Music

"He Leadeth Me" – arr. Thomas Bliss

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)

God in Community, we offer you our very selves. We dedicate the tangible gifts offered in the plates and the intangible gifts of our willing spirits to respond to your Spirit. Guide us, oh Trinity; we pray. Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

#### "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

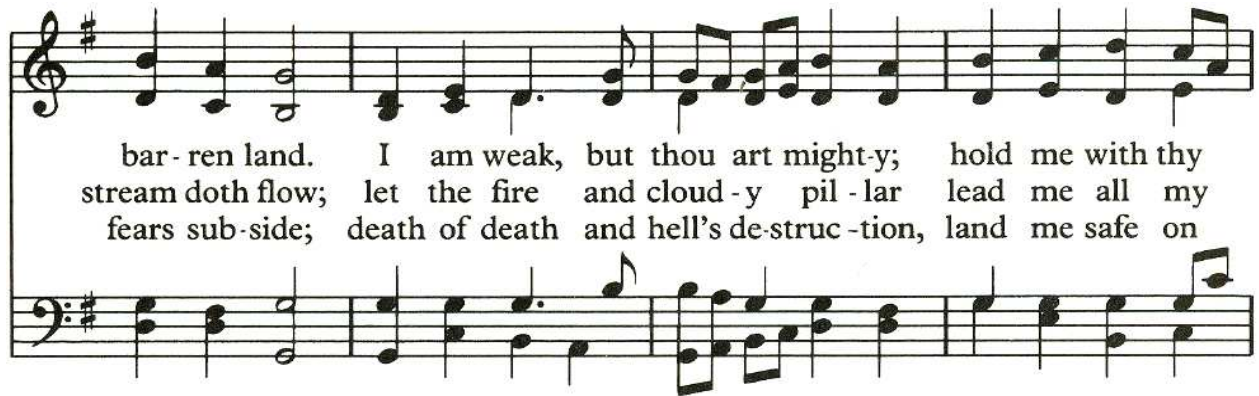
WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author, 1771  
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub-side; death of death and hell's de-struc-tion, land me safe on



power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

**\*BENEDICTION** (inspired by "The Journey Prayer of Brendan" found in *Carmina Gadelica*)

Leader: The Gracious Trinity has blessed you,

**People: We bless thou God of grace each day and hour of our lives.**

Leader: God bless the pathway on which we go.

**People: Christ bless the earth beneath our soles;**

Leader: Bless, O Spirit, and give to us Thy Love,

**People: O God of gods, bless our work and repose.**

Leader: And be with us until we meet again.

**People: Amen.**

**\*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** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" – setting, Paul Manz Cathy Fafrak, Organist

### **"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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\* Those who are able are asked to please stand

**Ushers:** Dick Christy, Darlene Bagley-Fazekas, Crell Johns, Pete Benson

\*\*\*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service\*\*\*

Today's coffee hour is hosted by ***Don & Marilyn Canfield.***

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### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## JUNE 16, 2019

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

Live streaming of the Sanctuary Service is available at [uccmedina.org](http://uccmedina.org)

June 16, 2019 thru June 23, 2019

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sun** *Happy Father's Day*

8:15 pm Chapel Worship  
9:00 pm Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
3:00 pm JMM @ Brookdale N –  
Hymn Sing

**Mon** 10:00 am **GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE**  
1:00 pm Breadmakers

**Tues** 7:00 pm **Stewardship Team**

**Wed** 9:15 am **Hobby Horse Team Meeting**  
10:30 am Quilters  
7:00 pm **Discipleship & Education Team**

**Thu** **Garfield Deliveries**

**Fri** 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen

**Sat**

**Sun** 8:15 pm Chapel Worship  
9:00 pm Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
2:00 pm JMM Hymn Sing @ Medina  
Meadows Sing-a-long  
7:00 pm JMM @ Western Reserve  
Masonic Community

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars now for the annual

#### **ALIVE ON THE SQUARE**

Worship & Picnic

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Plan to join us and bring your

Family and friends!

All are welcome!

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

Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15

“Coach”

Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** Flowers are donated by Dick & Joyce Komjati in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ENDOWMENT GIFTS

Do consider a special gesture to honor your father on FATHER'S DAY.

Please make a gift to the Endowment Fund to remember his love.

### ORDER YOUR GIFT CARDS TODAY FOR GRADUATIONS, BIRTHDAYS OR EVERY DAY!

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.glscip.com](http://www.glscip.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 with payment.

**Due date is, Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

The next order will be on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**A Limited Supply of \$10.00 Panera, Chipotle and Starbucks Gift Cards are available from Kelly in the office for Teacher or Graduation Gifts. Checks made out to UCC or cash.**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
MEDINA UCC HOMECOMING  
PICNIC AT BUNKER HILL**

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**Gathering and Games: 4:00-5:00  
Fully Catered Dinner: 5:00-6:00**

**The Entertainment: 6:00-7:00 or whenever**

And what's the entertainment? YOU! If you have a musical talent to share, join us in a talent show/hootenanny. Cathy is available if you need an accompanist. We will make sure there are mics and speakers so everyone can be heard. Kids and amateurs are welcome! Do you play an instrument? Sing? Can you do a magic trick? Get together with a friend to work up an act or perform on your own. There's no shortage of talent in our congregation, so this will be FUN! Interested? Pam Branscome is coordinating. 440-479-6814. There will be a sign-up sheet later in the summer.

**BOOKS FOR SUMMER  
REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

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We have outdone ourselves and have donated 700-800 (we lost count) books to the Summer Reinforcement Program! The books that were donated were great and in very good condition. Good work everyone! Thanks for your support to this important program. The children who receive the books will be thrilled!

**\*\*SUMMER PILGRIM  
MESSENGER\*\***

**SCHEDULE NOW IN FULL SWING**

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We will only be **mailing the messenger every other week from now until August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please plan your articles accordingly. Only time sensitive articles will be published. Have a great summer!

**"SIMPLE THOUGHTS"**

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Stewart Jones has published a new book of poems titled "Simple Thoughts". It will be available for sale at church on Sunday, June 23. The cost is \$10.00.



**SHARE OUR SPECIAL DAY**

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All are invited to share in the celebration of marriage between Earle Olson & Medith Davis on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. UCC, Congregational Church.

**GOSPEL GALLEY** by Alice Metzloff

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Today, we kids, age is no barrier, take time to acknowledge the man from whom we originate. When researching, I found a "sign" image on BINB, which I feel says what FATHER'S DAY is quite nicely. The sign reads:

"Daddy, to the world you are one person. But to me **YOU ARE THE WORLD!**"

How does this sign message relate to Jesus and us? Jesus had two male parents – one human – a "stepfather"...JOSEPH. His other IS heavenly-divine – GOD. It is this dual paternity that cements Jesus' legitimate claim for being both Human and Divine. Human by being born Jewish, who spoke Hebrew Aramaic. When spoken in Hebrew, ABBA is pronounced..."**AWG**-buh"...with emphasis of, and on the first syllable. Jesus calls GOD "AB or AV", the "Hebrew word for "Father. **AB is the formal term used to show respect and honor.** Reading ABBA in scripture which if followed by "Pater", in Greek...does not translate as "daddy"...a term used by immature children. We, too, have this dual paternity, and can call GOD ABBA for we are made of, and from GOD! Genesis 1:26 states... "Then God said, "Let US (Trinity) make **man** (Hebrew word **adam**) in our (Trinity) own image, in our (Trinity) likeness..." AND, Genesis 2:7 states "...the Lord God formed the **man** from dust of the **ground** (Hebrew word **adamah**) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the **man** became a living being". This Father's Day...KNOW we are...

"**J**"...**J**ehovah created! Genesis 2:31 "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good!"

"**U**"...**U**nique...one of a kind...rare...unusual... notable.

"**N**"...**N**oblesse Oblige – of high birth expected to behave generously towards others!

"**E**"...**E**mboldened to go forth and forge the future! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



## Bicentennial Tidbits



The photo at left, from an annual church auction event, shows some extent of the disrepair of the 1907 manse. After much study, the Trustees decided to tear the structure down in 2000, even though the City had initially refused us permission to do so. The local press described the event as "... a great loss to both the Medina community, as well as to the Church and all of its members." Somehow, we have managed to persevere.



### **MAY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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	May	YTD	Annual Budget	YTD as a % of Budget
<b>Income:</b>	\$33,679	\$148,234	\$354,026	41.9%
<b>Expense:</b>	\$25,878	\$143,023	\$365,608	39.1%
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$7,801	\$5,211	(\$11,582)	

- Sunday School Offerings Thru June are \$44.00
- As of June 9<sup>th</sup> we have received 40 Commitments \$37,881 and one Memorial Gift for our Additional Building for the Next 100 Years and Bell Repair Funds
- Thank you for all of the donations for the Ice Cream Social this week

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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\*\*\*\*\*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

### Wisdom Calls

School is out and, in the northern hemisphere at least, summer stretches ahead, full of the promise of rest and warmth, rejuvenation and wonder. Maybe you are youthful, and the promise of summer break is so new and fresh for you that you are practically bursting with the excitement of it. Or maybe you are in the middle of life, balancing care for children and elders with work and hobbies, even in the summer. Or maybe you are later in life, and the time for both school and work is past and summer is a season like the others.

Wherever you are on life's journey, listen! Lady Wisdom is calling you. She is calling out in the places you are most likely to be, she is trying to get your attention. What does she want to tell you? "I was there in the beginning," she sings, "delighting and rejoicing in creation."

Wisdom blows into our lives in a rush of joy and pleasure. On this Trinity Sunday, she reminds us that the magnificent labor of the Creator and the redeeming love of the Savior are only two parts of the divine purpose. Wisdom's part – enjoying creation as it unfolds and wandering, without direction but with confidence in the beauty of the divinity – is just as potent.

Wisdom is at the creator's side when all the sweaty-browed work of creation is being done, and Wisdom knows her place is at the Creator's side. She delights in creation but doesn't feel a need to *do* anything. And you know what? The Creator doesn't demand it of her. Maybe Wisdom is showing us that the Creator doesn't demand action all the time from us either. Even if school isn't out for you, you can still take a summer break. Soak in the wisdom of Wisdom, just be in and with creation. Find a moment or a month where there is nothing to do but rejoice in the Creator.

"Life is this simple. We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time," writes the mystic Thomas Merton. Take Wisdom's lesson today. See God's shining and delight in it.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Sustainer, Redeemer, Creator. Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver.\* Lover, Beloved, Love. Holy Three in One, immerse us this day in mystery and wonder, and send us forth into your beautiful creation, ready to delight in it. Amen.

*\*From the New Zealand Prayer Book, published by Harper Collins, 1997.*