



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



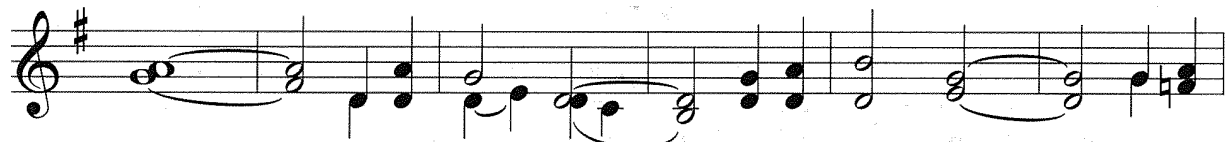
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



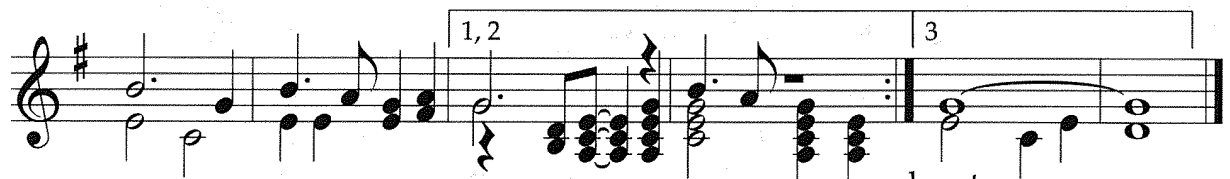
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the



night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will



hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD
 77.74 w. refrain

OPENING PRAYER (see Isaiah 65:17-25)

God of the Journey, you are with us every step. Even when we lose track of you.
Even when we withdraw in pain.
Even when we are distracted by our joy.
Even when we think the story is about us and not you.
Help us with this next step.
And the next.
And the next.
Until we make our home with you.
Where no one shall hurt or destroy on your holy mountain. Amen.

PRAISE RESPONSE

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"



I Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,

E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1855
For another key, see 43, 368

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Morning Has Broken" –Eleanor Farjeon, arr. Cat Stevens
Katherine Johns, solo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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
Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the
will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes.

WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, ca. 1886
MUSIC: *Grenoble Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906;
harm. by Basil Harwood, 1908

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
LM

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121

SERMON Youth Mission Trip 2019

High School Youth

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

You are invited to give what you can. Your time, talent, and treasure. Make your intention known. No one is empty handed. As the plate passes, pray over it and offer God what you are led to give. Let us collect our morning's offering.

Offertory Music "Interlude" – David N. Johnson

Cathy Fafarak, 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 (Isaiah 55:12)**

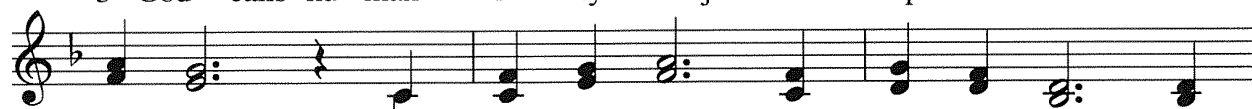
We hear the prophet's words that "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." What joy we shall find! To that day, we dedicate all we are to you. Amen!

*SENDING HYMN

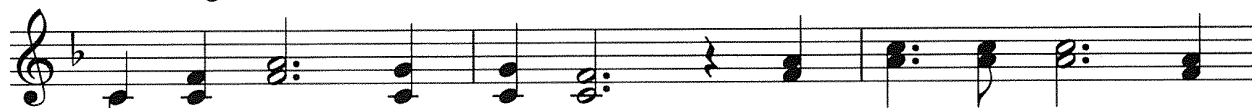
"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"



1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -



grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's



in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons



ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that



all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels
 for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

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*BENEDICTION (from the *Carmina Gadelica*)

Leader: The love and affection of the angels be to you,
 People: **The love and affection of the saints be to you,**
 Leader: The love and affection of heaven be to you,

People: To guard and cherish you.

Leader: May God shield you on every steep,

People: May Christ aid you on every path,

Leader: May Spirit fill you on every slope,

People: On hill and on plain.

Leader: May the King shield you in the valleys,

People: May Christ aid you on the mountains,

Leader: May Spirit bathe you on the slopes,

People: In hollow, on hill, on plain,

Leader: Mountain, valley, and plain.

Having been blessed, go and be a blessing for this service has ended.

People: And our service now begins. 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** "Postlude on Hymn to Joy" – Gordon Young

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*Those who are able please stand

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas, Crell Johns, Pete Benson

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

Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Carole Fawcett & Fran Largen.**

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 23, 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

June 23, 2019 thru June 30, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Mon

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters

Thu **Garfield Deliveries**
7:00 pm Congregational Council

Fri 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen

Sat 1:30 pm Olson / Davis Wedding

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
1:15 pm JMM @ Brookdale North

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

Psalm 121
“Youth Mission Trip”
Youth of the Mission Trip

Altar Flowers: Flowers are donated by Kellie & Crell Johns in memory of Jerry Johns.

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars now for the annual
ALIVE ON THE SQUARE

Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH @ 10:00 a.m.

Plan to join us and bring your

Family and friends!

All are welcome!

“SIMPLE THOUGHTS”

Stewart Jones has published a new book of poems titled “Simple Thoughts”. It is available today for sale at church. The cost is \$10.00.

****SUMMER PILGRIM
MESSENGER**
SCHEDULE NOW IN FULL SWING**

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

VBS THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with VBS. Those of you who helped decorate and set-up, prepped craft projects, taught, and led groups around, donated snacks, the list goes on and on. I just can't thank you enough. It was an awesome week with awesome volunteers and awesome kids! It takes many helpers to make a week like this successful and I was blessed with a lot of great help. Thank you again to everyone!

-Stacie Yates

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's successful Ice Cream Social on the Square on Friday, June 14th. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with set up, sales and tear down. Thanks to all who donated pies and other baked goods. After expenses, the church netted \$850.00 from the sales and free will donations.



**SHARE OUR SPECIAL
DAY**

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.

Pallets Free for the Taking!

When we received delivery of our Bicentennial Bike Rack, it arrived neatly sandwiched between two sturdy oak pallets, which now reside in our parking lot, next to the shed. They are free for the taking, either to be utilized as pallets, or cut up to make excellent oak firewood, so have at it! You're welcome!

GOSPEL GALLEY by Linda Turek

The following came from God's little Devotional Book:

A woman once had a dream that an angel was giving her this message: "As a reward for your virtues, the sum of \$1,440 will be deposited into your bank account each morning. This amount has only one condition. At the close of each business day, any balance that has not been used will be canceled. It won't carry over to the next day or accrue interest. Each morning, a new \$1,440 will be credited to you."

The dream was so vivid, she asked the Lord to show her what it meant. He led her to realize she was receiving 1,440 minutes each morning; the total number of minutes per day was all she would ever receive!

Each of us has a similar account. What we do with those 1,440 minutes each day is up to us. At the close of each "business" day, we should be able to look over our ledger and see that these golden minutes were spent wisely.

Time is God's gift to you. What you do with your time is all your gift to God.

Remember how short my time is. –Psalm 89:47

**BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS
ORNAMENTS**

The ornaments will be available for purchase in the church office during the week during office hours. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will also have them for sale on the 1st Sunday of the month, July 7th through December 1st.

FOOD GATHERING

There is a constant need for canned goods, non-perishable foods and paper products. Please remember to bring items to the church as often as possible and place them in the wooden box in the new gathering space. Thanks for your help.



Bicentennial Tidbits

Richard Ingle was our 34th pastor, serving from 1979 until 1985. Here are some interesting items from the annual reports during his tenure. There was an every-member canvas for the annual pledge drive. Church membership was 1100. A study of the replacement value of the building was determined to be \$1,855,000. The Library committee reported that 1,139 books were borrowed during 1980.

For a brief time during 1980, there was a sacred dance group during worship services that apparently was not well understood by many in the congregation. Returning to more traditional music, Elaine Brent was hired as the Church organist in 1983.



For Palm Sunday 1984, a real donkey was used to process from the Gazebo up to the front door.

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As some have requested, the 1909 historical remarks by Sarah Eddy have been uploaded to the Our History section of our webpage at www.uccmedina.org.



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

1 Kings 19: 1-15a

In God's Presence

This week is General Synod, the biennial gathering of our United Church of Christ. Delegates and visitors from across our denomination are gathered in Wisconsin to work, worship and discern the way forward. The invitation to General Synod at ucc.org proclaims, "Always an extraordinary event in the life of the Church, delegates and visitors will experience dynamic workshops, generative plenary sessions, inspirational worship, engaging youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. Keynote speakers will offer illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities. And delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness, worship together, and participate in local community service projects."

In other words, for a few days, the church from many corners of the nation and the globe will gather and be the church together. The purpose of this gathering is not to turn inward on ourselves but to be a beacon. As the theme of the week declares, those gathered will let the church's light shine before others.

Centuries ago, Elijah the prophet tried to hide from God. The problems of the world seemed too big. Disgusted with the corruption of the powerful, convinced that his message would never be understood and fearing for his life, Elijah ran into the wilderness and hid himself in a cave. But he could not hide from God. God persisted in summoning Elijah and reminding him that his place was among the people who needed him, even if it was discouraging or potentially dangerous.

Like Elijah, as congregations we can be tempted to hide ourselves away from the rest of the United Church of Christ. We are not large by American denominational standards, but we are still a diverse and sprawling people. It may feel like it would be easier just to stay put in our solitary and (relatively) safe caves.

But God finds our congregations, wherever and however we have hidden ourselves away. God is calling each one of our churches, just as God called the prophet long ago. Our place is not hiding away by ourselves, but with one another, building community, so that the work of God and the church can be multiplied. We may not always agree with one another, but as Elijah learned and as we continue to learn, to follow God means to follow God into community.

Even if you are not physically at General Synod this week, you can be there in spirit and prayer. Pray for your church, that it may hear God's calling to engage in community. Pray for the safety and wisdom of delegates as they travel and gather. Pray for yourself, that you might hear God's voice calling you, whether in a roar or a whisper, to come forth.