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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

PRELUDE “Prelude on a Folk Tune” – Gilbert M. Martin

Cathy Fafarak, 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 (from *The Path of Celtic Prayer*, page 95)

Leader: God’s greatest creations,

People: **our imaginations cannot grasp.**

Leader: All because we cannot see,

People: **Because we cannot grasp all God’s mysteries.**

Leader: We can but marvel,

People: **And muse,**

Leader: And humbly bow,

People: **To worship our Creator. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“The Summons”

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

OPENING PRAYER - A Prayer of Lament (inspired by Psalm 77: 1-20)

Leader: God, we call out to you!

People: From the depths of our hearts, we cry, "Lord, hear our prayer!"

Leader: We are consumed by grief. The events have overwhelmed us—

People: it's hard to sleep, it's hard to eat, it's even hard to pray.

Leader: Where are you, God?

People: Deep down, we know that you love us—

Leader: we've experienced your mercy and your faithfulness in the past, and it has sustained us through many difficult times.

People: We refuse to believe that you have deserted us, or that you are unaware of the pain that we're feeling.

Leader: And so we turn to you again, longing for your presence, looking for your comfort and peace.

People: Surround us with your unfailing love. Remind us that you alone are God, and that you hold us in the palm of your hand.

Leader: Give us courage and strength to face the days ahead, and strengthen us in the knowledge that we do not face them alone.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"Jesus Calls Us" (vs. 1 & 5)



1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)

MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

GALILEE

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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, Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"



1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;



be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.

WORDS: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 (Lk. 9:57)
MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY
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SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

Ashley Bonsell, Liturgist

SERMON

"His Face Was Set"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.

Offertory Music "Meditation" – Herbert Henderson

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** (written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship.

<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>)

Leader: In this world:

People: Kingdom living.

Leader: In our mouths:

People: Kingdom praises.

Leader: In our hearts:

People: Kingdom goals.

Leader: In our hands:

People: Kingdom gifts.

Leader: Thy kingdom come,

People: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Unison



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

ASSAM
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***BENEDICTION** (inspired by Philippians 1: 6-11 and Galatians 5: 22-23)

Leader: May God, who began a good work in you, continue to be at work in your life, guiding, teaching and equipping you.

May your love and compassion continue to grow –

People: a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight,

Leader: so that you will be able to recognize what really matters,

People: and live a pure and blameless life.

Leader: May you live a life centered in the Holy Spirit, a life that bears rich fruit –

People: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, tolerance and self-control – all the good things that come from following the Spirit,

Leader: for living this way will bring much glory and praise to God.

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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – arr. Robert Howell Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*Those who are able are asked to stand

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas, Ron Greinke, Pete Benson

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

Today's coffee hour is hosted by Dick & Joyce Komjati.

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 30, 2019

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

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June 30, 2019 thru July 7, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun** 8:15 pm Chapel Worship
9:00 pm Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
1:15 pm JMM @ Brookdale North
- Mon** Cook for Cups
10:00 am Robert Riegger
Visitation & Memorial Service
7:00 pm Evangelism Team
- Tues** Garfield Deliveries
7:00 pm Worship Team
- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters
- Thu** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Fri** 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen
7:00 pm First Friday
(on the square)
- Sat** 4:00 pm Jazz Under the Stars
(ORMACO)
Rain Site
- Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:30 pm Hunger Outreach
(Project Leaders only)

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!

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

Luke 9:51-62
“His Face Was Set”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: Flowers are donated by Carol
Brenneman in memory of Willard H. Brenneman.

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.

GARFIELD FAMILIES DELIVERY

Due to the 4th of July holiday we will be delivering to our families on Tuesday, July 2nd. **Please have your donations in no later than 12:00 pm on Monday, July 1st.** Thank you all for your continued support!

50+ YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!

If you've been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save **Saturday September 28, 2019 from 11:30 am to 2 pm for a CELEBRATION LUNCHEON.** Invitations will be mailed out early in September.

**If you haven't yet been here for 50 years and want to help with the luncheon...put this date on your calendar and contact the office, Becky Weber, or Sue Dean.*

KITCHEN BRIGADE

Our church kitchen, as our kitchen at home, is utilized by many. And this a good thing! But areas that are constantly being used occasionally need a little extra cleaning. We are hoping you can assist. Pick a month, team up with someone, and spend an hour in our kitchen. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Crossroads. For more details, please see Darlene Fazekas or Linda Turek.

DENISON AVE. UCC IN NEED

An article in the June 2nd edition of the Plain Dealer highlighted the good mission work of the Denison Ave. United Church of Christ. They offer the Second Life Thrift shop, dance classes, meals, Bible study, most Sunday's a free community lunch after services, monthly food pantry...the list goes on. They serve about 5,000 people (1,300 families) in the area and their congregation only numbers 40! The church is looking for support to complete repairs to the exterior of the building or face \$5,000/day fine for non-compliance to a citation. According to the article (posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary) they are looking for at least \$57,000. Please give prayerful thought to donating to this need. Funds from our Mission Team budget will match donations by our congregation.

BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

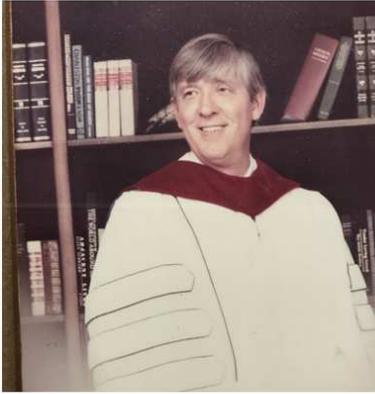
The ornaments will be available for purchase in the church office during the week during office hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The price is \$20. We will also have them for sale on the 1st Sunday of the month, from July 7th through December 1st.

1st Friday Medina July 5

Stop by our corner of the square outside for an evening of fun! We'll have a children's craft and sustainable bags to hand out from 5-7, and Ronald Greinke on the accordion from 6-6:30. The businesses on the square will also be open from 5-9, and the Medina community band will play in the gazebo at 8:30.

GOSPEL GALLEY by Vicki Miller

I hope you all enjoyed Pride Month! If you didn't notice the increase in rainbow flags flying or rainbow backgrounds on Facebook pages-June is Gay Pride Month. Back in 1970, the first Pride march was held to protest the way police treated patrons of the Stonewall bar in NYC. In the 1980s and 1990s, Pride parades were a way to show visibility and push for acceptance in the broader community. Now, Pride Days are fun, celebratory events all over the country. You may be thinking, "I'm straight", why would I enjoy Pride Month? Pride isn't just for the LGBT community- it is an opportunity for everyone that supports equality and fairness to celebrate. As members of the United Church of Christ we have a lot to be proud of in the month of June. The UCC has always been at the forefront of social and civil justice for the LGBT community-adopting its first resolution "On homosexuals and the law" in 1969 (the year of the Stonewall uprising). In 1972, our friend, the Rev. Bill Johnson, became the first openly gay minister to be ordained in any mainstream denomination. The list goes on and on and more and more congregations are becoming Open and Affirming Churches (ONA). So, celebrate Pride in June-it is a month for everyone-gay or straight. If you have been an activist, an ally or just plain nice to the LGBT community, be proud of where we are and how far we have come. There is still a long way to go (and sometimes it feels like we might take a few steps backwards) but we are headed in the right direction. Denominations like the UCC continue to help drive change and I am proud to be a member of the broader church as well as our congregation.



Rev. Don Nichols



Bicentennial Tidbits

Rev. Ingles took an early retirement in 1985. Don Wilder again chaired a pastor search committee that reviewed 52 candidate profiles. During this search process, there was only a single service at 10:00 am and there were large financial deficits.

The called pastor was Rev. Don Nichols, our 35th pastor; serving from 1986 until 1995. During this time period, the Women’s Fellowship purchased ceiling fans for the sanctuary and the East room as a form of air conditioning. Planning and capital fund drives were approved to rebuild the pipe organ and repair the stained-glass windows. (These will be the subject of future Tidbits.) A small elevator was installed, and wall banners sewn by our own church women with stitchery skills first appeared.

During 1986, an ecumenical worship service was conducted jointly with St. Francis Catholic Church; the mortgage from the 1973 “reconstruction” of the 1882 sanctuary was finally retired and burned. By 1989, the Church had returned to two services (...we were “trying to fit 900 members in a space that fits 350 comfortably...”), the budget was over-subscribed, and the office was using a new-fangled device called a personal computer.

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*******

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2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Pick up the Mantle

A Prayer for Open and Affirming Sunday

Creator of Us All, Holy One of Many Names, Eternal Love,
We wonder at the care and joy manifest in your design and creation.
You created the sliver of the waning crescent moon,
a slender thread of courageous light;
You created the tenacity of each blade of grass that
muscles aside concrete to reach for sky;
You created the birds that soar and creatures of the ocean depths
who somehow thrive where it is too dark and too cold for life.
You look at all you have created and call it good.

We are amazed that, in ways beyond our understanding,
you formed humanity with the same joy and care that birthed the rest of creation.
We rejoice that each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made in your Divine image.
On this Open and Affirming Sunday, we proclaim who we are.
We are gay, we are straight, we are lesbian, we are bisexual,
we are transgender, we are cis-gender, we are gender-fluid.
We have many names and labels for what we are,
but we know that you call us by one name - beloved.
Let us say it over and over and over again until we believe it.
We are beloved. We are beloved. We are indeed beloved.

We acknowledge that for many of your beloved children, especially those who are LGBTQ,
church communities have been places of shame and suffering, rather than homes of sanctuary
and safety. Help us to pick up the mantle of those who have gone before us in this liberation
movement, that their hard work and their sacrifice might not be in vain.

We are, all of us, called by love, for the sake of love, to be love
in this faith community and in all the world.
Continue to create us to be your beloved people. Amen.

The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the UCC, and equips UCC congregations to become effective witnesses to Christ's extravagant welcome. ONA is now the largest and fastest-growing LGBT-welcoming movement in the Body of Christ. We welcomed ONA church #1 in 1986 and church #1,500 in 2018. To find out more, visit openandaffirming.org.