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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** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” –arr. John Carter 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** (inspired by verses from Psalm 104. It was written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on his *Unfolding Light* website.)

Leader: Holy One,

**People: breath of the big bang,**

Leader: idea of creation,

**People: you who make spring come forth,**

Leader: who make life out of nothing,

**People: breathe yourself into me. Create me.**

Leader: You are the flame,

**People: I am your light.**

Leader: You are the nerve,

**People: I am your muscle.**

Leader: You are the Word,

**People: I am the story.**

Leader: You are the song,

People: I am the singing.

Leader: I am one with you

People: and one with all Creation. One Spirit, one flesh, many forms.

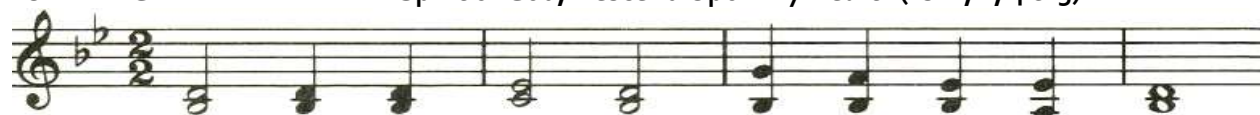
In your Spirit, I am we.

Leader: Holy One, live in me;

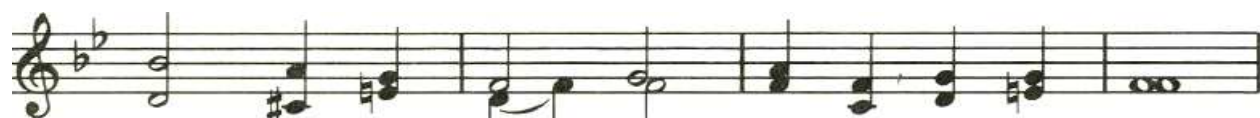
People: I am your body. I remember, and I live. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)**



1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,  
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207–c. 1282/1294) *Women in Praise of the Sacred: 43 Centuries of Spiritual Poetry by Women*, ed. Jane Hirshfield. Harper Perennial: 1995, 93.)

Leader: Effortlessly,  
People: **Love flows from God into humans**  
Leader: Like a bird  
People: **Who rivers the air**  
Leader: Without moving her wings.  
People: **... Thus we move in God's world**  
Leader: One in body and soul, ...  
People: **Though outwardly separate in form,**  
Leader: As the Source strikes the note,  
People: **Humanity sings—**  
Leader: The Holy Spirit is our harpist, and all strings  
People: **Which are touched in Love**  
Leader: Must sound.  
People: **Amen.**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE**

**"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
James K. Manley, 1978  
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staff, with chords indicated above or below the notes. The score consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the'. The second line contains 'wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,'. The third line contains 'Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from'. The fourth line contains 'plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.' The chords are D, G, A, Dsus4, D, Bm, E7, Asus7, A7, D, G, A7, D, G, D.

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wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,  
Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from  
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## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – arr. Craig Courtney  
Sung by Jerry & Elizabeth Mason

## 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

### "Breath on Me, Breath of God"



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)  
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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## SCRIPTURE

John 14:8-17 and Acts 2:1-13

Pete Metzloff, Liturgist

## SERMON

"The Spirit"

Rev. Luke Lindon

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### Offering Invitation

Gathered by the Spirit in worship. Guided by the Spirit in prayer. Led by the Spirit to respond, we now gather this morning's offering.

**Offertory Music** "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God" – arr. David Paxton 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 Joanna Harader, and posted on Practicing Families. <http://practicingfamilies.com/>)  
Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us – in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.



*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -  
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus, *Fine*  
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man - y kinds of fac-es,
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing-ing and there's pray-ing,
5. At Pen-te-cost some peo-ple re-ceived the Ho-ly Spir-it

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.  
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac-es.  
some-times it's rid-ing, some-times hid-ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.  
there's laugh-ing and there's cry-ing some-times, all of it say-ing:  
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972  
MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972  
© 1972 Hope Publishing Co.

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**\*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** "Hail Thee, Festival Day" – arr. David Cherwien

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, Julie Gilliland, Ron Greinke

\*\*\*There will be no Coffee Hour today\*\*\*

***Please join us on the front lawn for our Historical Marker Dedication!***

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Jim Kiser, Director of Music; Cathy Fafrak, Organist

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Xanthe Phillips, Director of Hobby Horse Preschool

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 9, 2019

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.  
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June 9, 2019 thru June 16, 2019

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Strengthen the Church Offering</b> 8:15 pm Chapel Worship 9:00 pm Gathering Worship <b>10:00 am Mission Team</b> 10:30 am Traditional Worship <b>11:45 am Historical Marker Unveiling &amp; Dedication Ceremony</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00 am VBS</b> 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
<b>Tues</b>	8:00 am Men's Fellowship at P.J. Marley's <b>9:00 am VBS</b> 7:30 pm Women's Book Group
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:00 am VBS</b> 10:30 am Quilters
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Garfield Deliveries</b> <b>9:00 am VBS</b>
<b>Fri</b>	1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen <b>6:30 pm Ice Cream Social on the Square</b>
<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm Jazz Under the Stars (ORMACO) Rain Site
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Happy Father's Day</b> 8:15 pm Chapel Worship 9:00 pm Gathering Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm JMM Hymn Sing @ Brookdale N

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

John 14:8-17 and Acts 2:1-13

"The Spirit"

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**Altar Flowers:** Flowers are donated by Ken & Karen Zuehlke in memory of their fathers.

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH PENTECOST SUNDAY TODAY

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

*...God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams...*

-Acts 2:17 (NRSV)

## BOOKS FOR SUMMER REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM

We have outdone ourselves and have donated over the 200 books to the Summer Reinforcement Program that we had set as a goal for our bicentennial! Good work everyone! And thanks for your support to this important program.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Please plan to attend the Ice Cream Social on the square **Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are praying for a beautiful day!!!

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions and donations!

## 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.

## ENDOWMENT GIFTS

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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.

## HISTORIC MARKER UNVEILING

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On Founders' Day, 2018, our congregation voted on which proposed Bicentennial projects should have priority. The result, by a vast margin, was to place a historical marker in front of the church building. A few weeks later, we undertook the long application process to obtain an official State of Ohio historical marker, and to also apply for a funding grant from the Wm. Pomeroy Foundation. By October, we received news that the marker was on its way, and essentially paid-for. A few weeks ago, the 150-pound bronze marker arrived. (Many thanks to Brad Root and Root Candles for their generous support in taking delivery of the marker and transporting it safely to the church.) The marker is now standing in its permanent place, but concealed (no peeking!) until **today**, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Upon the conclusion of this morning's 10:30 worship service, we will gather on the Liberty St. lawn for a festive ceremony of dedication (and the "ta-da" moment of unveiling), with perhaps a spot of lemonade and a nosh or two afterwards. This is a "Once-In-A-Lifetime" event (unless you have the fortitude to endure until the Tricentennial in 2119). Please plan to attend!

## GOSPEL GALLEY by Mark Armstrong

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When you are praying for someone, does God ever give you a thought or a word? I never know for certain, but I think he does with me sometimes.

Recently, a young man was sharing with me about a rocky place in a relationship. He had been reading the Bible and praying; and he was wondering what to do.

I asked him what I could pray for, and he said, "I need help navigating". So I started to pray for him.

Immediately, this phrase came to my mind: *"Tell him to navigate by the stars and not by the wind."* I was taken aback. That was a word for me, too. It's easy to take the path of least resistance, but that won't get us where we want to go. We have to look higher for our direction. It may force us to tack against the wind, but it will ensure that we make it to our destination.





## Bicentennial Tidbits - 1972

Jerry Baker, The Manse

Jerry Baker was our 33<sup>rd</sup> pastor, serving from 1969 until 1978. For the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1969, 350 people attended a banquet at Buckeye High School, with a keynote address by former pastor Ormund Schulz. Rev. Baker vacated the manse shown above in 1972 (along with his wife and five children) in conjunction with a pending call for an associate pastor. He simply bought his own house with a \$6,000 down payment and a housing allowance provided by the Church. Way back in 1833, our first manse was built at the corner of East Washington and Harmony (no photo has survived). In 1907 it was sold, as it was always thought to be too far away from the Church. The "new" manse of 1907 was constructed for \$3,400, replacing some horse barns. From 1976 until 1984, the Manse functioned as rental property. Then from 1984 until 1997 it was again used as housing for various assistant pastors or other tenants, and even as a rented manse for St. Paul's. By 2000, the building was in sad disrepair.

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### **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.**

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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\*\*\*\*\*

Acts 2:1-21

**Gathered and Scattered**

What was that morning like? Jesus' friends and followers gathered in a sad, small circle as they had every day in those confusing days after they thought Jesus had finally left them for good. Outside, it was a holiday and everyone was visiting Jerusalem – true believers and serious doubters and tourists looking for some excitement and pickpockets looking for some tourists. But all the people in the world who knew about Jesus were contained in one little room. They must have felt so alone in there. The few of them inside, the celebrating throngs outside.

Then, suddenly, the Holy Spirit arrived! And with that arrival came a startling revelation. They were not alone, as they had thought. They were connected to people in the past, the present and the future. They were connected to those far away and those just down the street. They were connected to those who looked and spoke like them, and those who did not.

Those gathered in that first congregation on that first Pentecost day thought they were making a closed circle, just for them. You and your congregation feel alone sometimes, too. Maybe it seems like Jesus has departed and you don't know what is next for you. But, look! The Holy Spirit is here and now, as she was there and then.

*Strengthen the Church Offering*

Because we receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost we remember that our own congregation, however large or small it may seem, is never just acting alone. Your offering to Strengthen the Church supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC congregations.

Congregations like First United Church of Christ and Conference Center, open 24 hours a day, which gathers via the on-line platform *SecondLife* and serves those who cannot access a local church in safety and confidence. Congregations like OMO (Out of Many, One) House which offers both an in-person gathering and a cyber café for its multi-faith healing conversations.

On Pentecost, our ancestors spread the good news by shouting down the street. In our time, UCC congregations are setting up shop on street corners and are taking the good news online, so we can be wherever people need to hear about Christ's healing love and the Spirit's creative presence. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We can forget that we are never alone in our ministries and congregations. Then, along comes Pentecost and the Strengthen the Church offering, to remind us of the Spirit-filled community of which we are blessed to be a part.