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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 “Beautiful Savior” – arr. Linda Scholes

Children’s Bell Choir

*CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do you have any questions?

People: **What must we do to inherit eternal life?**

Leader: You know the 10 Commandments?

People: **We have kept these since we were little.**

Leader: Then sell everything and give to the poor.

People: **You’re speaking in metaphor, right?**

Leader: How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God.

People: **Call us to your ways, Oh Lord. Be with us in our worship.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Take Up Thy Cross”

1. “Take up thy cross,” the Sav - ior said, “if thou wouldst
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy
4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the
spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy
fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions.

We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements.

We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more.

We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart.

We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need.

But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge.

Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things.

People: True comfort comes from God's love for us

Leader: and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger.

People: By God's love we are forgiven. Let us do likewise. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

1. Chil-dren of the heav-enly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.

The image shows a musical score for a praise response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "1. Chil-dren of the heav-enly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er; nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

WORDS: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1855; trans. by Ernst W. Olson, 1925 TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
MUSIC: Swedish melody 88.88
Trans. © 1925, renewed 1953 Augsburg/Fortress

ANTHEM "The Time for Turning" – Music by Craig Courtney; lyrics by Pamela Martin Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "How Majestic Is Your Name" Children's Choir

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of a single system of music with a vocal line (treble clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933
 Arr. © 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

Deb Waldron, Liturgist

SERMON

"Walking Away from a Love Story"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

Where will I go? And you? Let us ponder this question together, now.

Offertory Music

"Lento, Op. 55, No. 15 from 35 Miniatures for Organ" – Flor Peeters

***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**

Jesus, we could offer more. Do not shame us, but inspire us to say yes to you and to live well with our neighbor. Jesus we could offer more, but it would not earn your love. We cannot buy what is freely given. We cannot earn what is ours already. Help us not see our lack, but see you in ourselves and everyone we encounter this day. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Christ to partake in the Holy Sacrament.

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***SENDING HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us"



1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
 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

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***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Help us love people and use things.

People: **And not use people and love things.**

Leader: Grant us your wisdom

People: **To be Good Stewards**

Leader: Of our time, talent, and treasure.

People: **For the benefit and building of your beloved community. 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – Johann Walther/ed. Linker Cathy Fafrak, Organist**

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*All who are able please stand.

***Ushers:** Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas, Julie Gilliland, Pete Benson,*

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

*Today's coffee hour is hosted by **John & Kathi Kavouras.***

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”

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November 3 thru November 10, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
1:30 pm Annual Rake-n-Run
(Confirmation & All Youth)

Mon Cook for Cups
7:00 pm Evangelism Team

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Youth Bell Choir Practice
6:45 pm Youth Choir Practice
6:45 pm Adult Bell Choir rehearsal

Thu Garfield Deliveries

Fri 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen

Sat

Sun **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am Pancake Breakfast
Youth Fundraiser
11:45 am Safety & Security Team
3:00 pm Confirmation Class

GARFIELD STUDENT NEEDS

We are working to support the Garfield students. The following items have been requested: **Goldfish snacks, Playdough and stress balls.** Please help us to meet their needs. Place items in the bin at the bottom of the staircase.

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

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: “Walking Away from a Love Story”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are donated by Jim Kiser in memory of Barb Kiser.

SERMON SERIES

Good Stewards

11/3: Walking Away from a Love Story
11/10: Stewardship Sunday

Upcoming Youth Events:

*November 3 – Rake-N-Run 1:30-5:00

*November 10 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30

*November 17 – Youth Group 4:00-6:00

*November 24 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30

YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Bring your appetite and we will provide the butter and syrup! The Youth Group will be flipping flapjacks on Sunday, November 10th from 11:45-1:00. Come help us raise money for our Youth Group mission trips by eating your weight in pancakes! Free will offerings will be accepted to cover the pancake breakfast as well as donations towards youth mission trips. In honor of Veterans Day we will also be taking some time to recognize our church members who have served in the US Armed Forces. We hope to see you after church in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday November 10th.

COMING SOON: TWO MORE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

The year-long observance of our Bicentennial will highlight two festive celebrations during the upcoming holidays.

****Saturday, November 23:**

Candle Light Walk Open House

From 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm, we will open our doors to welcome the public for a guided tour of the church. Along the way, take a turn at ringing the tower bell, listen to holiday selections played on the organ, join in a caroling singalong that will feature the voices of The Medina Chorus, and warm up with a cup of hot cider or cocoa in our Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to help out, please add your name to the sign-up chart posted in the Sanctuary hallway.

****Sunday, December 8:**

All-Church Worship Service & Concert

This holiday worship service will begin at 10:00am and feature a unique concert that employs narrative, projected images and the talents of all our church musicians and singers. This is a holiday version of the concert performed in June, and tells the story of the church's music, beginning with the earliest days of the Christian tradition and continuing up to the present day. Of course, the congregation will have ample opportunities to join in the music making.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club will not be meeting in the future as our attendance has not been sufficient for fruitful conversations about the books. Keep reading on your own!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Christmas decorations for the holiday season will be hung and displayed after church **on Sunday, November 17th, around 11:30 am**. Volunteers and helping hands are needed. Due to the activities that involve our church facility during the Candlelight Walk, we are decorating a week earlier than our normal time. Please mark your calendars to join our crew.

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to invite Boards and Committees within the church to complete a *Request for Funding* form, available in the new rack near the office. The packet has easy-to-follow directions to provide details of the funded project that is in need of funding. There is over \$6,500 available for allocation and we celebrate the generosity of the church family that has made this possible via their donations to the Endowment Fund over the last two decades. Deadline for applications is November 30th.

JUVENILE DETENTION COLLECTION DRIVE

United Way of Medina County and the Juvenile Detention Center will be collecting white socks, T-shirts and thermal long sleeve shirts. All sizes (small to XXL) are needed for both male and female students. The items must be white and the socks are to be crew socks. The thermal long sleeve shirts may be off-white as it is hard to find white. **Collection will be final on November 22nd** on which day they are to be delivered to the United Way for the Juvenile Detention Center. Please deposit the items in the box next to the BOGO box at the bottom of the stairs. Let's see if we can do as well again in recognition of our bicentennial year!

SAVE THE BELL SHIRTS

Do you want to support our capital finalizing campaign? Have you always wanted a way to show your pride for your church? Are you running low on t-shirts? If you answered yes, please consider buying a "Save the Bell" t-shirt. Shirts are \$15 each. All proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will go towards our capital campaign AND will count towards our goal of getting Pastor Luke to spend the night in the bell tower. Look for our table between the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM services to see a picture of the shirt, pick up an order form, and place your order. Please make checks out to "Medina UCC" with "T-Shirt" in the memo. Orders can also be dropped off to the church office during the week. Shirts will be available at the beginning of November.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Don't forget that **next Sunday, November 10th**, is Stewardship Sunday.

Please remember to bring your pledge card (found in the back of the Stewardship booklet that was mailed to your home).

If you do not have one or need another one, you can find them in the back of the pew or you can get one from the church office. Stewardship booklets, "Discover" UCC, Congregational" are also available in the rack outside the church office.

REVEREND IN THE RAFTERS!

Our Capital Finalizing Campaign (AKA "Save the Bell") to close out our mortgage started hot and then cooled off. We reached 89% of our goal in the late spring/early summer. We have \$8,500 left to end our campaign. Darlene Bagley-Fazekas and Maureen Walker had the idea that if we reached the goal, then maybe Pastor Luke would spend the night in the bell tower. Pastor Luke thought this would be a great idea!

So here's the challenge: Raise \$8,500 by Tuesday, November 26th at 3 p.m. and Pastor Luke will spend the night in the bell tower on Wednesday, November 27th from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next day. Put "Save the Bell" or "Capital Campaign" in the memo line of your checks. Head to uccmedina.org/give and select "Building for the Next 100 Years" to pay online via credit card. Let's get our good sport of a pastor up in the tower!



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2020 Flower Chart is now hanging on the bulletin board in the East Room hallway. Please sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or to celebrate a special occasion.

Please fill in your name, write what you would like printed in the Messenger (if the flowers are in memory or in honor of someone) and check "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 circle whether or not you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service.

The cost of the flowers ordered through the church office is \$22.50.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The second Tuesday of the month, the women of the church are invited to join us for breakfast. This month we will meet on November 12th at 9:00 am at Marie's Café on the Square. Hope to see you there!

PUMPKIN CONTEST & CHANGE JARS

Congratulations to Ava Muranko! Her painted pumpkin, "The Messed Up Pig", won the pumpkin painting contest! The youth raised \$177.00 with their contest and the change will go to the Senior Mobile Meals project.

So far with all the change jars collected we have raised over \$1,000.00 and... we are still counting! Great job everyone and thank you all for your generous donations.

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*******

Luke 19:1-10

Transforming Love

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours,
yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth,
yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and
yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now. -Teresa of Avila*

Doesn't everyone belong in the arms of the Sacred? -Lady Gaga

If you study a scholarly interpretation of the story of Zacchaeus, the scholar might note drily that in first century Palestine, it would have caused a tremendous loss of face for a grown man to climb a tree. It's not just first century Palestinian society, however, that looks askance at grown men climbing trees. It does not take a tremendous stretch of the modern imagination to picture the ridiculousness of this scene.

Zacchaeus must have had very little left to lose in order to allow himself to be humiliated in this way. The branches of sycamore are welcoming and offer copious cover. So why did he come out of hiding? Why expose himself to more embarrassment and ridicule? When Jesus saw Zacchaeus and called him down out of the tree, why did Zacchaeus come down? He could have stayed up in the tree and hidden from Jesus and from the crowd. After all, it wasn't just the tree climbing that made him an object of scorn. The people hated him because he was a tax collector and they believed he had cheated them.

But Zacchaeus heard Jesus calling him and saying his name, and he made a risky but life-giving choice. It did not take too much persuading on the part of Jesus. In their short exchange, Jesus offered Zacchaeus three precious gifts – Jesus saw him, Jesus invited him, and Jesus loved him. These three gifts had the immediate effect of transforming Zacchaeus.

In a moment, it seems, Zacchaeus decided to change his ways. Because he was seen, and invited and loved, he was able to reconcile with this God and his community. This radical change did not take a miracle on the part of Jesus. It just took a compassionate moment of connection.

Teresa of Avila, the medieval mystic, reminds us that we are not just to follow Christ, but to be his hands and feet in the world. So, do this. Walk toward those on the margins and reach out your hand. Let those who feel unseen know they are seen. Extend an invitation to all. And radiate Christ's love wherever you go. We are Christ's hands and feet, and we can be the means by which even the most lost know that they are welcome "in the arms of the Sacred."