

MY SHEEP THAT WAS LOST

Medina United Church of Christ, Congregational



Live Stream

June 14, 2020

10:30 am

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

PRELUDE “They’ll Know We Are Christians” – arr. Charity Book Putnam Cathy Fafrak, pianist

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Take a moment to think about the people who sit beside, behind, and in front of you in church. Connect with them by phone, email, or text to pass the peace of Christ and offer support and encouragement. Write “Peace” on our Facebook live or turn to someone in your house and offer peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Ann Harbridge, DLM, Minister at Trinity Centennial United Church in Rosemont, Ontario.)

Leader: From the comfort of our homes we gather to worship.

People: **Whether through printed word, or through the gift of technology**

Leader: we are a community.

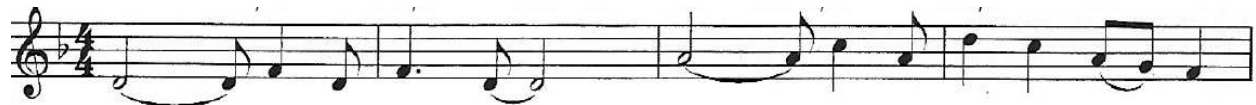
People: **Here we seek connection to the Divine.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God,

People: **shown to us through the risen Christ.**

OPENING HYMN

“Wade in the Water”



Wade___ in the wa - ter,___ wade___ in the wa - ter chil - dren.



Wade___ in the wa - ter,___ God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.___

Last time, Fine

1. Who's that yon - der dressed in red? God's gon - na trou - ble the
 2. Who's that yon - der dressed in white? God's gon - na trou - ble the
 3. Who's that yon - der dressed in blue? God's gon - na trou - ble the

wa - ter. Must be the chil - dren that Mo - ses led.
 wa - ter. Must be the chil - dren of the Is - rael - ites.
 wa - ter. Must be the chil - dren, now let them through.

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.
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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Holy and Gracious One,
People: we're sorry.
 Leader: You throw a party for the prodigal
 and we're outside with a sign that reads,
People: "All sons matter."
 Leader: You run to find the lost sheep,
People: and we chant, "We are the 99!"
 Leader: We're used to having our story at the center.
**People: We're used to having people who look like us,
 everywhere.**
 Leader: We're used to ignoring the sin of racism.
People: But we cannot look away.
 Leader: Help us not look away.
**People: Give us your heart that welcomes.
 That searches.
 That finds.
 That loves and loves abundantly.
 Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15: 3-7

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "You Say" – by Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle & Paul Brendon Mabury
Tracy Gabrielsen, soloist

DISCOURSE "My Sheep That Was Lost" Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**Offering Invitation**

Thank you for continuing to financially support the work and mission of the church! You can give in many ways of your time, talent and treasure. You can send your offering via mail or online at www.uccmedina.org/give. You can also give of your time and talent of writing and calling one another to strengthen the ties that bind. Let us now sing the doxology to our God, from whom all blessings flow.

Doxology (Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter: One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (A prayer from the Taize Community from https://www.taize.fr/en_article21369.html)

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you enlighten every human being: give us to discern your presence in each one and to welcome you in our neighbor. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: May this be the start of our journey together,

People: **May God bless us with the love of our neighbor,
May Christ bless us with his courage,
May the Spirit be within and among us,**

Leader: One God!

People: **Forever and ever.**

Leader: Let us go! For this service has ended,

People: **And our service now begins! Amen.**

POSTLUDE "For the Healing of the Nations" – arr. Paul Manz Cathy Fafrak, Organist

MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

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Participating in the service:

Rev. Luke Lindon, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Pam Branscome
Rev. Harry Buch
Stacie Yates, Director of Christian Education
Cathy Fafrak, Organist
Matt Yates, Sound and Video Operator

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Cathy Fafrak, Organist
Rebecca Rosen, Nursery Supervisor
Xanthe Phillips, Director of Hobby Horse Preschool
Jack Sharpe, Maintenance
Joe DeSario, Custodian

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*******

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 14, 2020

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

June 14, 2020 thru June 21, 2020

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun

FLAG DAY

You may give online or mail in your offering

10:30 am WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

GO TO: www.uccmedina.org/live

Mon

Tues

Wed

**2:00 pm Zoom Book Study
“Unbinding Christianity”**

Contact Pastor Luke or the Church Office for
a link to connect to the meeting

Thurs

Fri

Sat

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!

Sun

FATHER’S DAY

You may give online or mail in your offering

10:30 am WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

GO TO: www.uccmedina.org/live

WANTED: PHOTOS WITH DAD

In our Father’s Day live stream on 6/21, we’d like to do a slideshow of photos of church members with their dad (or uncles, grandpas, or another “father figure” in your life). If you’re a dad, a photo with your kid(s) is welcome too.

Please send it by Wednesday, 6/17 via email to office@uccmedina.org or Facebook message to Pastor Luke.

Worship Highlights: 10:30 Live Stream Only

Scripture: Luke 15: 3-7

Sermon: “My Sheep That Was Lost”

Rev. Luke Lindon

Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Ken & Karen Zuehlke in honor of Father’s Day next week.

GIFT CARD ORDERS

Plan ahead now for Special Occasions and place your Gift Card order soon. Please visit www.glscrip.com and click on the Retailer List at the bottom of the page to view or print your own list. Please call the church office between 9 & 3pm to place your order or bring it to the office with your payment.

**The next order will be due
Monday, June 15th at 10:00 am.**

FREE WASHABLE FACE MASKS AVAILABLE

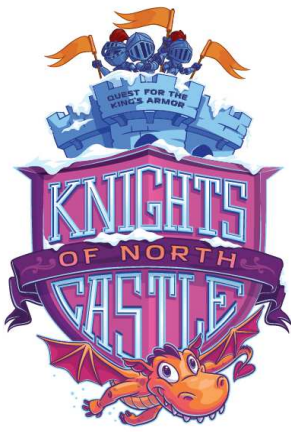
Sue Dean has been making washable face masks. If anyone is in need of a face mask, (one/two...or whatever) she would be happy to give them away to anyone who needs them. They will deliver them or bring them to the church for anyone who wants to pick them up. Please contact the church office or Sue directly. Sue & Ken Dean are listed in the church directory.

SEND A CARING CARD OR TWO

Natoma Canfield is currently in Samaritan Care. Please consider sending her a card to help lift her spirits! She would love to hear from us!

806 E. Washington St. Rm 305 Medina, OH

Marlee Winters is in Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Hospital at 4389 Medina Rd., Copley, OH 44321



VIRTUAL VBS IS HERE!

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade

COVID-19 has changed a lot of what we do and where we go for the past four months (has it really only been four months?☺). These changes have affected us all in one way or another. This past week the church should have been buzzing with children for our annual Vacation Bible School, but that too has been affected. But, never fear, the DELTS have a solution. We will be holding a virtual VBS the week of July 6th. We will be doing it through Google classroom. Here is how it will work, each morning at 9:00 am Stacie will go live with the Bible Story. After the Bible story we may play a quick game, have a science experiment, or some other fun activity. After the bible story the links for the crafts, snacks, science and music will be posted in the Google classroom and you can access those at your convenience

during the day. Take home kits will be provided for the crafts and science projects. A list of snack items will also be included in the take home kits so the kids can make the snack if they choose to do so. On Friday, we will have a special parade where the kids will be able to drive through the church parking lot and get their ice cream that we always have and see all the leaders. There will be a \$5 charge per child to help with the cost of the take home kits. We are going to do our best to make it fun, memorable and most importantly, share the love of Jesus with the children. The registration is on the church website and facebook. Go there now to sign up! Registration will end on June 26th.

NEW ZOOM BOOK STUDY

Join Pastor Luke for a ZOOM book study session! The Book: "Unbinding Christianity"
Choosing the values of Jesus over the beliefs of the church.

Why? Let's discuss a more open-handed way of approaching our faith. What would church look like if we focused not on what you believe, but on how we live like Christ?

When? Wednesday's at 2 p.m. **May 27th – July 29th** and going chapter by chapter.

Interested? The send an email to Luke letting him know you want the Zoom link! luke@uccmedina.org
(Facebook messages, tweets, and texts also will be accepted)

Can't make the time? We'll have a recorded archive at your request.

SUMMER MUSIC SIGN UP

Please sign up to provide summer music for the Sunday worship live stream--piano, violin, vocal, trumpet, flute, guitar, etc! If you are a singer and need piano accompaniment from Cathy, Pastor Luke can record the 2 of you ahead of time in the sanctuary; let him know. Please send a landscape video of your song ONE WEEK PRIOR via <http://wetransfer.com> or Google Docs to Pastor Luke (luke@uccmedina.org). Assume worship will be virtual unless you hear otherwise. Thank you, and we can't wait to hear your musical gifts!

HAVING TROUBLE EMAILING THE CHURCH OFFICE?

If any of you are having issues with emails bouncing back when you try to email me at office@uccmedina.org please try my alternate email at uccoffice@zoominternet.net
It will come through my outlook email just the same as the other email. Thank you, Cindy

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Sarah Laughed

Sarah laughed when she heard the news that, in her advanced age, she would bear a child. She did not expect that she had much life left to give. Too often, our culture reflects Sarah's belief that there is not much life left in our elders.

United Church Homes (UCH) has another vision. According to their website <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/>, the UCH vision, *where the Spirit creates Abundant Life in Community*, reflects their faith-inspired ties with the United Church of Christ, and propels this organization into new ways of thinking and talking about aging. United Church Homes celebrates older adults as they explore evolving healthcare and senior living options to appeal to a new generation of people living longer, more active lives after retirement.

*"We help UCH residents define what living abundantly means to them as individuals, providing experiences that lead to more joy, and purpose, in their interactions with others. That is why United Church Homes is:

- an Open and Affirming provider of healthcare and housing services for older adults
- a thought leader in driving conversations around what abundant life means
- leading culture change to transform older adult services from institutional-directed care to person-directed care that promotes choice, dignity, respect, self-determination and purposeful living

We've expanded quite a bit from our first "home for the aged" built in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, in 1916," their website proclaims, "Today, United Church Homes owns or manages more than 70 communities in 14 states and two Native American nations. We provide affordable housing, independent living, assisted living, long-term care, rehabilitative care and memory care to thousands of older adults."

As our population ages, so does the need for creativity in finding new ways to not just survive our retirement years, but to thrive in them. For United Church Homes, abundant life at all ages is no laughing matter.

Find out more about United Church Homes in your area by checking their website <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/> or calling their national offices (866-279-5125).

*Accessed January 2020. <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/>