

MEDINA

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL



all the small things

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

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “Shine, Jesus, Shine” – Graham Kendrick/arr. Carol Tornquist Cathy Fafrak, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

FOUNDERS DAY INTROIT

“God’s Love is Everlasting”

by Mark Hayes

Commissioned for the 200th anniversary of the Medina United Church of Christ-Congregational, Medina Ohio

Sing with all your heart and soul and voice.

Let your spirit soar, O soul, rejoice!

For God’s love is everlasting, God’s love is everlasting,

God’s love endures forever, for all time.

Let the universe resound with praise.

As glories of our God the earth displays.

For God’s mercy is forever. God’s mercy is forever.

God’s mercy will endure beyond all time, beyond all time.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For you, unseen, who have made the choice to worship today.

People: **We have come to worship and recharge. To hear Good News.**

Leader: For you, the gathered, who have been called into community.

People: **We gather, not in the church, but as the church.**

Leader: For the broken road that has led you straight here.

People: **For the love that binds us, and for that which remains undiscovered,
we gather in the gift of the present,**

Leader: For worship of our Gracious Mystery,

People: **Closer to us than our next breath. Yet never fully known.**

Let us give thanks and praise!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Here Comes the Sun" - words & music by George Harrison
"I Will be There" - words & music by Donna Rhodenizer

Eve Lindon, soloist
Sam Lindon, soloist

SCRIPTURE Zechariah 4:6-10 and Mark 9:2-9

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

Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "All the Small Things"

Rev. Luke Lindon

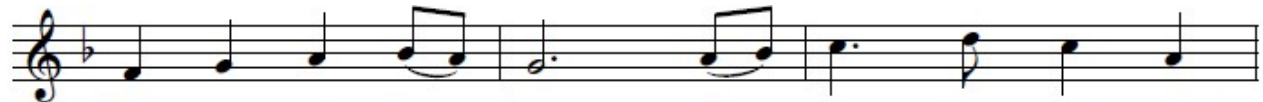
HYMN

"All Are Welcome" (vs. 1,2 & 5)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

 Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel-come,
 house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

 all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

You are enough. Everything you need is already within and among you. Ask the right question. Take the next right step. Do the small things. Do not despise them. For God is in the details.

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

Holy One, we say, "Grace! Grace to it!" as your prophet once wrote. Take our gifts. Take us. And use it all to establish your beloved community here and now. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jay & Lisa Bowen, Lori Ciulla & Dave Glover, Ben & Alicia Davies, Jason Davis & Jeannie Karam-Davis, Lydia Grandinetti, Jim & Christy Korkan, Tom & Hannah Magrum, Scott Michal, Jeff & Melissa Miller, Brad & Colleen Rice, Joseph & Barbara Tereshko, Gwen Vidas

Congregational Pledge

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

BENEDICTION

Leader: We recall the blessing given to us by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr who wrote in his famous letter from a jail cell,

People: "In a real sense all life is inter-related.

Leader: All are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,

People: tied in a single garment of destiny.

Leader: Whatever affects one directly,

People: affects all indirectly.

Leader: I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be,

People: and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be...

Leader: This is the inter-related structure of reality."

People: Thanks be to our God, for blessing us with each other and adding new friends to be the church with.

Leader: The body of Christ and the promise of God which seeks to bless the world.
Go be that 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 "Sortie" from *Triptych*" – Boëllmann/arr. & Ed. Bryan Hesford Cathy Fafrak, Organist

MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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

February 14, 2021 thru February 21, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun FOUNDERS DAY
NEW MEMBERS JOIN
10:00 am Online worship only

Mon President's Day
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues 7:00 pm Mardi Gras Zoom Dance Party

Wed ASH WEDNESDAY
5:30 pm Drive-thru Ash Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Virtual Worship

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun 1st SUNDAY IN LENT
10:00 am Online worship only

Worship Highlights: 10:00 am Live Stream Only

Scriptures: Zechariah 4:6-10 and Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: “All the Small Things”
- Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The flowers are given by Jan & Tad Coleman in honor of their 52nd anniversary.

The church office is closed on
Monday February 15th
in observance of President's Day

MARDI GRAS ZOOM DANCE PARTY

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm

We'll dance for the Lord, maybe not quite as enthusiastically as King David, but enough so we shake the stress off our bodies, and we can be in community in a fun and social way. All ages invited! We'll post the Zoom link on the Family Facebook Group and the church office will have it upon request.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17/21



Drive thru Ashes in the church parking lot from 5:30-6:30 pm. Live stream of the worship service at 7:00 pm.

FOUNDER'S DAY FOUNDERS' DAY IS HERE —THE HEART OF THE HOME IS THE HEART OF GOD

Today is the day! As we know, dear Christians went before us to establish this Church on the Square. Today we honor their efforts.

Part of the celebration includes an opportunity for you to honor your dear one who guided your foot on the path to Christ. Memorial and Honorarium gifts will help the Endowment Fund grow to new levels. Please make your donation with checks made payable to UCC-Congregational and put “Endowment Fund” on the memo line. Know that our gift today will seed faith ministries for the future.

We always welcome Endowment Gifts, but this is Endowment Month, so we highlight giving to the future of the church. Thank you for the 6 Endowment Gifts already received!

WELCOME!

Please welcome our New Members for February 2021! I know we can only meet virtually right now, but when we can gather once again, you will get to meet them all in person. Many of them are already very active and involved in various aspects of our church life. Next week we will run our usual New Member Insert introducing all of them with photos and a little bit about who they are. Welcome!

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Christy & Jim Korkan

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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Living the life of your dreams starts with a solid financial plan. Join our virtual *Financial Peace University* class and learn to dump debt and build wealth. You won't even have to leave home. Visit fpu.com/1127951 to sign up for our class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace. Class continues **Thursday, February 18, 2021**.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

A Black History program will be presented via Zoom on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The topic this year will be "Driving while Black". This program is sponsored by the Medina Chapter of AAUW. To attend, please register at artkathy@zoominternet.net prior to 2:00 pm Thursday, February 18th.

MEDINA ICE FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

Don't forget to look for our Ice Sculpture during the Ice Festival. This is held from Friday, February 19th thru Sunday, February 21st on the square of Medina. Things will be different this year, but there will still be sculptures all over the square for you to enjoy!

FIDGET BLANKETS

Circle of Caring Fidget Blanket of Love Ministry (FBOLM) will continue to collect items for Fidget Blankets during February. What is a Fidget Blanket comprised of? View the display on Facebook or at church. "Bauble" ITEMS NEED TO BE SAFE TO HANDLE WITH NO SHARP POINTS OR EDGES. LIGHTWEIGHT. NONTOXIC. UNBREAKABLE = NO GLASS.

Small size: Maximum 8" x 3".

Minimum dimensions: 1" x 1".

All fabrics, trimmings, sewing notions, etc....anything and everything accepted. Drop off donations in the bins under the stairs during office hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Interested in a Fidget Blanket for a loved one? Please call the church office at 330-725-4559 and leave a message for Karen Brocco-Kish, Visitation Pastor.

ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who voted in our virtual congregational meeting process to receive the 2020 financial reports and approve the proposed budget for 2021. A total of 118 YES votes were received (85 through the One Call Now phone system, 27 additional paper ballots and 6 telephone calls to the office). This is in excess of 10% of the 584 active members, so the requirements for a quorum have been met. There were no abstention or NAY votes.

– Pete Metzloff, Church Clerk

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you requested offering envelopes, they are now available on the table in the New Library. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Thank you!

WEEKLY LENTEN JOURNALING SERIES - Wednesdays @ 7pm - 2/24 – 3/31

We have partnered with a new local Medina business called My Sunday. My Sunday was founded during the pandemic out of one woman's desire to find peace and draw closer to God. When I read on their website that "the most important prompt of the whole week is the one called 'This week I will try and live the message by' for church does not just start and end on Sunday alone." This line reminds me of our visioning song, "More than church on Sunday."

We'll have a Zoom call each Wednesday during Lent where we will **read** the upcoming scripture. We'll **reflect** together in community on the scripture. On Sunday, we'll **receive** the sermon. Then we'll **respond** as a community by putting our faith into action in some way. The journals will help us in this process.

I will give these journals away during our Drive-by Ashes on Ash Wednesday. They will then be in the New Library at church for everyone to pick up. We have 100 of these on order and it will be given first come, first serve.

We hope they will aid you and be an additional tool to provide a solitary place for you to pray and to find the Beloved Community of God within and among us all this Lenten Season.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) Or go to our website under Upcoming Events and register through the link there. You may also call the church office for help registering.

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

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration
Racial Justice Sunday
Science and Technology Sunday

Mark 9:2-9

Compassionate Community

By a coincidence of the calendar (or perhaps a "God-incidence" of the calendar) today sees the collision of several different religious and secular observances. Today is Transfiguration Sunday, observed throughout Christendom as the day that the disciples saw Jesus for the first time as a truly divine being. In the United Church of Christ, we designate this Sunday as both Racial Justice Sunday and Science and Technology Sunday. And this also happens to be what has become the secular holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

Observing so many different, and seemingly contradictory, holidays and designations on the same day can seem confusing. It may seem as if they are in competition with each other, and that if we lift up one, then another may fall by the side.

We can hold all of these together, however, as we celebrate this day as what it means to be progressive Christians. *"Progressive Christianity is characterized by a willingness to question tradition, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor and the oppressed, and environmental stewardship of the earth. Progressive Christians have a deep belief in the centrality of the instruction to "love one another" (John 15:17) within the teachings of Jesus Christ. This leads to a focus on promoting values such as compassion, justice, mercy, and tolerance, often through political activism." *Wikipedia.

When we recall the progressive expression of our faith, it takes away the need for competition and a sense of scarcity or anxiety. We remember that in Christ, we are united in love and acceptance. We give thanks that our tent is big enough and wide enough to hold the wonder of miracle, the persistent call to social justice, the yearning for knowledge, and even the sentimentality of a greeting-card holiday.

However you observe this day, give thanks that you do it in company with a great cloud of witnesses who join you in following the same Christ in many ways.