

 BEATITUDES  
GO TO THE  
MOVIES

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**INSPIRIT**



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

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “Intrada and Chorale” – Edward Broughton

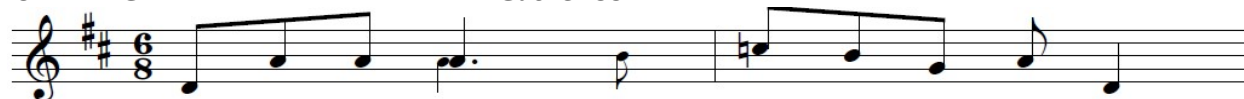
Cathy Fafrak, Organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

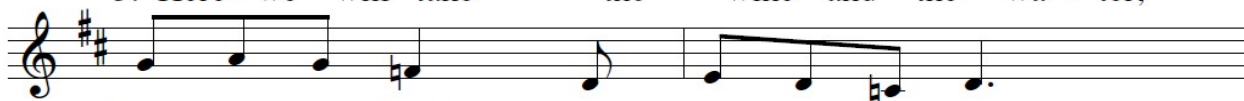
### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*OPENING HYMN

### “Gather Us In”



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.

Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,

Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;

Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950; tr. by Georgina Pando-Connolly, b.1946  
 Tune: GATHER US IN, 10 9 10 10 D; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (From *Back in Time* by Huey Lewis and the News)

Leader: Don't bet your future, on one roll of the dice

People: **Better remember, lightning never strikes twice**

Leader: Please don't drive at eighty eight,

People: **don't want to be late again**

Leader: So take me away, I don't mind

People: **But you better promise me, I'll be back in time**

Leader: Gotta get back in time

People: **Help us be in this time, Oh God. Gather our thoughts, our full presence to be with you and our neighbor in this worship. Accept our humble worship and may we hear the murmur of your dove's wings. Thanks be to you, our God, our Christ, our Spirit, one God of all time and place. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "The Beatitudes" – Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

"Poor in Spirit"

Rev. Luke Lindon

HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

*Refrain (Unison)*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

*Fine*



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should

*D.C.*



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### Offering Invitation

The fruits of our body for the sin of our souls, oh Lord. You do not ask us to grovel. You don't shame us relentlessly. You celebrate us. Ask us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Thank you for the invitation! You can give of your treasure in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, or for those online you can head to [uccmedina.org/give](http://uccmedina.org/give). Or you can text UCCMEDINA to 73256 and follow the prompts. May what we offer in this moment help your church do those things, oh God.

### 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 (The Merton Prayer, by Thomas Merton)

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.**

**I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.  
Amen.**

### BENEDICTION (From *Axioms for Wildness* by John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*, p. 154.)

Leader: Become subtle enough to hear a tree breathe.

People: **Try to watch a painting from within, how it holds what it never shows.**

Leader: The mystery of your face,

People: **Showing what you never see.**

Leader: See your imagination dawn

People: **Around the rim of your world.**

Leader: Feel the seamless silk of the ocean,

People: **Womb you in ancient buoyancy.**

Leader: Feel the wild imprint of surprise,

People: **When you are taken in by your lover's eyes.**

Leader: Succumb to warmth in the heart,

People: **Where divine fire glows.**

Leader: For here is the kingdom of heaven,

People: **Wrapped around our ignorance.**

Leader: Go be a blessing to a hurting world, relentlessly following God,  
and may grace and peace be yours.

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 "Carillon Toccata" – Douglas E. Wagner**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## JUNE 13, 2021

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

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June 13, 2021 thru June 20, 2021

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- Sun** “Beatitudes Go to the Movies”  
**Summer Worship Series begins**  
8:15 am Chapel Worship (in Sanctuary)  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
4:00 pm Youth Group  
**8:00 pm Beatitude Movie Night - “Up”**
- Mon** 7:00 pm **Evangelism Team**
- Tues** 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
7:00 pm Gathering Band Recording Session  
**7:00 pm DELT meeting**  
7:00 pm Grief Support Group
- Thurs**
- Fri**
- Sat** 10:00 am Choir Practice (in Sanctuary)
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10:30 am Traditional Worship  
4:00 pm Youth Group  
**8:00 pm Beatitude Movie Night “Sandlot”**

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

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-3 & Micah 6:1-8

Sermon: “Poor in Spirit”  
Rev. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table Flowers:** The flowers are given by Matt & Stacie Yates in honor of Logan’s birthday.

### **LITURGIST SIGN-UP**

Check out the bulletin board in the East Room hallway to sign up to be a liturgist during June, July and August at the 10:30 Sanctuary service. Questions? Talk to Pastor Luke or call the church office.

### **COOKING FOR CUPS**

The first Monday of each month the Church has been cooking meals for Cups Café. Cups Café is a café just off the Square that offers food and hope to those in need. Would you like to provide a meal? We need individuals or teams to volunteer to cook one hot meal for 60 people. If you would like to help out, please contact Dan Daubner at [DDaubner@zoominternet.net](mailto:DDaubner@zoominternet.net) or 330-283-2742.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Ruth Gifford has moved to be closer to family. Cards, notes and phone calls from church members and friends are greatly appreciated!

Ruth Gifford  
The Willows at Tiffin  
410 Fair Lane, Room 311  
Tiffin, OH 44883-2518  
419-540-6722

# BEATITUDES GO TO THE MOVIES!

## Worship Series Begins TODAY June 13<sup>th</sup>!

Jesus gave us some blockbuster teachings. They've been a hit ever since they came out. Our Worship Team has chosen eight films – from classics to recent award-winners – to gain a better understanding of each of the eight blessings imparted by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. We'll even gather and watch a few at our pergola (or Fellowship Hall if the weather is bad) at 8 p.m. See below for specific dates. The summer is a wonderful time to head to the movies, so come out each Sunday or join us on the livestream as we change our attitudes to the Beatitudes! You can also pick these movies up at the Library!

Date	Beatitude	Movie	Pergola	Streaming
June 13	Blessed are the poor in spirit	Back to the Future		Netflix
June 20	Blessed are those who mourn	Up	Showing on 6/13	Disney+
June 27	Blessed are the meek	Sandlot	Showing on 6/20	Hulu
July 4	Blessed are the those who hunger for righteousness	To Kill a Mockingbird		\$3.99 Prime/Youtube
July 11	Blessed are the merciful	Just Mercy		\$9.99 Prime/Vudu
July 18	Blessed are the pure in heart	Forrest Gump		\$2.99 Youtube/Prime
July 25	Blessed are the peacemakers	Brave	Showing on 7/18	Disney+
August 1	Blessed are those who are persecuted	Hidden Figures	Showing on 7/25	Disney+, Hulu, Sling TV

## GOT CRAYONS?

All those broken-down colored crayons can result in being gathered, melted, and turned into new crayons of many colors. This is the mission of The Crayon Initiative started by Bryan Ware several years ago. After consulting with an occupational therapist, he created large three-sided, not round, paper free crayons so that hospital kids can easily grip them, and they cannot roll off hospital trays.

Recycled crayons are distributed free to children's hospitals in all 50 states to brighten the lives of young patients during their stay. This is a multi-faceted mission project to save millions of pounds of used crayons from landfills AND to bring smiles to hospitalized children.

The Mission Team is placing colorful boxes by the church entrance and at our Hobby Horse location. After collecting these boxes, the donated crayons will be sorted by color and shipped to The Crayon Initiative in California. Because of the pandemic, further expansion of this project is limited for now but hopefully could involve more schools, churches and anywhere crayons are distributed. For further information, contact Dottie Edinger.



## FATHERS REALLY DO KNOW BEST...

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Our fathers, who taught their children a love of Christ and His Church, are now the leaders of their families. Now, many of their sons and daughters, wives and friends are saying, "Thanks for everything, Dad" by donating to the Endowment Fund. It's a great way to give the gift of appreciation and love to the next families of dads, wives and kids who will worship here on the square.

Remember your dad on Father's Day with a generous donation to the Endowment Fund. He will be so proud of you!

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A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Carol Brenneman

Will be held on Sunday afternoon June 27, 2021 at 3:00pm

In the sanctuary of the UCC, Congregational, Medina

217 East Liberty St.

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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**

Mark 4:26-34

## Flourishing

Look around. What if just *this* was enough?

What if this choir was enough, for example?

Consider the miracle that each week, a group of mostly volunteers gathers to sing together in (occasionally im)perfect harmony. Whether there are three of them, or thirty or three hundred, isn't it some kind of miracle that week after week this group of working folks and retired folks and just plain folks leave their daily occupations and raise their voices together in song?

What if our youth and children were enough? What if instead of worrying about the youth and children we don't have, we started noticing, naming and celebrating the youth and children we do have? If there are no children in this congregation right now, what if we recognized the abundance of children in our neighborhood, or in our nation or in our world? What if we asked ourselves to notice the way we can be in community with THOSE children?

What if this congregation's leadership was enough?

What if God has called to this place and time exactly the people with just the skills, passions and gifts of the spirit that are needed for this moment? What if the church of the future is happening right now, today?

What if our church building was enough?

What if God has granted us this space in this time so that we might recognize it not as a burden or a project, but as a gift that we are privileged to steward?

The farmer in today's scripture throws seeds recklessly on seemingly infertile ground as well as obviously healthy soil. This image invites us to think the same way about our ministries and presence in the world. Rather than being obsessed with scarcity, scanning articles about the church in decline and worrying about the bottom line, what if we looked around at what we do have? What if we allowed ourselves to imagine our church in a new way, as a part of God's kingdom that has not just enough, but more than enough to share?