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10:30 am service

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

**Those who are able please stand*

JUNE 20, 2021

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “It Is Well With My Soul” – setting, John Ness Beck, trans. Janet Linker

Cathy Fafarak, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1953
MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

HOW GREAT THOU ART
Irr. with Refrain

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1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from *Never Say Never* by The Linda Lindas)

Leader: Imagine the world has gone insane
People: And nothing we know has stayed the same
Leader: So everything else besides us has changed
People: But that's not what is in our fate
Leader: And it won't always be that way
People: Cause if tomorrow's like today, should we just wish for yesterday
Leader: For worse or for better
People: I've put myself back together
Leader: I know nothing lasts forever
People: But never, say never.

SCRIPTURES Matthew 5:1-4 and Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

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

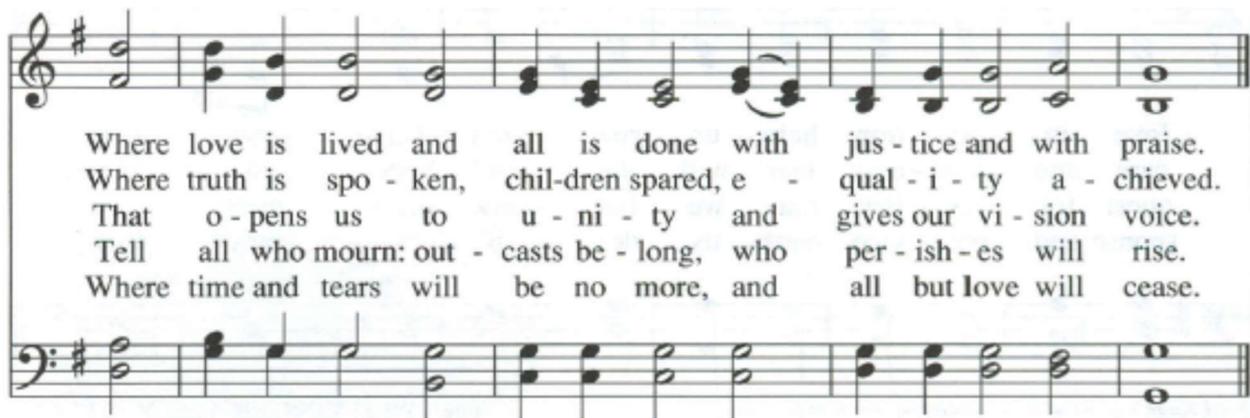
SERMON "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn"

Rev. Luke Lindon

HYMN "O For a World"

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O For a World". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways, 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved, 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise. 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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 give of your treasure in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, send your offering via mail or online at uccmedina.org/give. Or you can text UCCMEDINA to 73256 and follow the prompts. 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** (adapted from "For Courage" by John O'Donohue from *To Bless the Space Between Us: A book of blessings.*)

Let us invoke the learning of every suffering we have suffered.

Let us close our eyes.

Gather all the kindling about our hearts

To create one spark.

That is all we need, Oh Lord

To nourish the Pentecost flame of your Spirit

to cleanse the dark

of its weight of festered fear.

A new confidence will come alive

To urge us toward higher ground

where our imagination

will learn to engage difficulty

as it's most rewarding threshold!

***BENEDICTION** (from Kate Braestrup, as heard on The Moth Radio Hour.)

Leader: May you walk boldly into the house of mourning,

People: for grief is simply love come up against it's oldest challenge.

Leader: And after all these mortal years,

People: Love knows just what to do.

Leader: May you go from here with thanksgiving and hope, 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** "Toccata in e minor" -Johann Pachelbel

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 20, 2021

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

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June 20, 2021 thru June 27, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! “Beatitudes Go to the Movies” Summer Worship Series continues 8:15 am Chapel Worship (in Sanctuary) 9:00 am Gathering Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship 4:00 pm Youth Group 9:00 pm Beatitude Movie Night “Sandlot”
Mon	First Day of Summer 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
Tues	9:00 am Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm Bible Study
Wed	9:00 am Vacation Bible School 10:30 am Quilters 7:00 pm Gathering Band Recording Session 7:00 pm Grief Support Group
Thurs	9:00 am Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm Congregational Council Mtg.
Fri	
Sat	10:00 am Choir Practice (in Sanctuary)
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Worship Highlights: 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-4 & Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

Sermon: “Blessed Are Those Who Mourn”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Communion Table Flowers: The flowers are given by Arnold & Cheri Ingraham celebrating family.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

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

FATHERS REALLY DO KNOW BEST...

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!

BEATITUDES GO TO THE MOVIES!

Worship Series Continues with Time Change for Showings

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 **9 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	Sermon/Movie	Showing for Next Week's Sermon	Streaming
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	N/A	\$3.99 Prime/Youtube
July 11	Blessed are the merciful	Just Mercy	N/A	\$9.99 Prime/Vudu
July 18	Blessed are the pure in heart	Forrest Gump	N/A	\$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 0millions 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.

ARE YOU A PUZZLER?

"Bring a puzzle, Take a puzzle"

Tired of always buying puzzles? Then try our new "PUZZLE EXCHANGE". 10 puzzles have been placed in the new library as a start. Adult puzzles only please in the 500-to-1000-piece range. Have puzzles to donate? Drop them off in the new library. Enjoy!

TEXT GIVING IS SIMPLE, FAST AND SECURE

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."

- Deuteronomy 16:17

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and securely
from anywhere,
anytime.

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To 73256

And follow the prompts.



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A NEW WAY TO GIVE!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scheduled to donate flowers for our Sunday service? You can now submit payment through your Realm Account or by texting "UCCMEDINA" to 73256. Select Sunday Flowers and enter your payment details. Hoping this makes payment easier and Thank You for your continued support!

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 or 330-283-2742.

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.

PASTOR'S Q & A

I loved the Rev. Harry Buch's Q&A Sunday. I'll take this space to answer a few questions he didn't get to each week.

The first question that really struck me was "How do we deal with all the hatred and anger in the world?"

I talked in last Sunday's sermon about "Crappy Teenager Luke" (You can read/revisit that sermon here: <https://www.uccmedina.org/sermons/poor-in-spirit/>) I was an angry youth. I have been told by smarter folks that "Anger is a secondary emotion." It's usually covering something up. For me, my anger was covering up my poor self-esteem and anxiety. It took me a long time to figure that out. When someone comes to me angry, I try to ask questions and turn my judgment into curiosity. What is this anger about? What is the emotion under this emotion?

You might have felt some anger during the pandemic. It might have been covering up your anxiety. Your stress. The helplessness of the situation. How do we deal with it? We acknowledge it, and then we go toward it. We don't shy away from it. At least, as safe as it is to do so. I'm not going to approach a guy yelling on the street. I will approach someone who I know and love and have a relationship with. I'll talk. I'll ask good questions. I try to be in relationship with them.

That's how I am trying to handle my anger and hatred. We cannot be responsible for anyone else's anger but our own. A saying that Kate introduced me to and has helped me become less angry is, "We can't change other people, we can only change how we react to them." I hope by reacting not in anger and hate, but in peace and love... by telling a story, asking a question, reminding folks of relationship, we might be able to help one another become less angry. May God help us on our journey. Amen.

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

Mark 4:35-41

Pushing the Boat Out

What names for God did you learn as a child? Many Christians were raised to call God by the name Father. Today, on this Father's Day, give some thought to that name for God. Is it nurturing for you? Or is it difficult for you to picture a loving Father God?

If calling God "Father" is hard for you, don't worry. The Bible contains many names and images for God, and the United Church of Christ encourages expansive language in naming and praising the Holy. Turning to scripture as a way to expand our images of God is a gift to everyone. Those who call God by the name "Father" are welcomed and encouraged to continue doing so. And those who call God by other names are welcomed and encouraged, too. Worshipping side by side using many names instead of one enriches worship for all of us.

If you regularly use the same name for God in your prayer or worship life, how can you expand and enrich your relationship with God? How might using some new names for God make something new happen for you, too? If you are looking for ideas, consider instead some of these, from the UCC brochure "Expansive Language with Reference to God, Inclusive Language with Reference to God's People."

Midwife *Ps 22:9-10*

Mother *Num 11:12-13, Deut 32:18, Job 38:28-29, Ps 131:2, Isa 42:14, Isa 46:3-4, Isa 49:15, Isa 66:9, Hos 11:3-4, Jn 16:21, Rom 8:22, I Pet 2:2-3*

Mother bear *Hos 13:8*

Shepherd *Jn 10:11,14; Ps 23*

Woman *Lk 15:8-10, Ps 123:2*

Baker *Mt 13:33, Lk 13:20-21*

Eagle *Deut 32:11-12, Ex 19:4*

Hen *Mt 23:37, Ruth 2:12, Ps 57:1, Ps 61:4, Lk 13:34, Ps 17:8*

Fire *Deut 4:24, Acts 2:3*

Wind *Acts 2:2, Jn 3:8*

Rock *Is 17:10, Deut. 32.18*

Water *Jer 17:13*

Light *Jn 8:12, Isa 60:2-3*

Bread *Jn 6:33-35*

Vine *Jn 15:1*

Word *Jn 1:1*

Wisdom *Lk 11:49, I Cor 1:24*

I Am *Ex 3:14*

Potter *Jer 18: 1-11, Job 10:8-9*