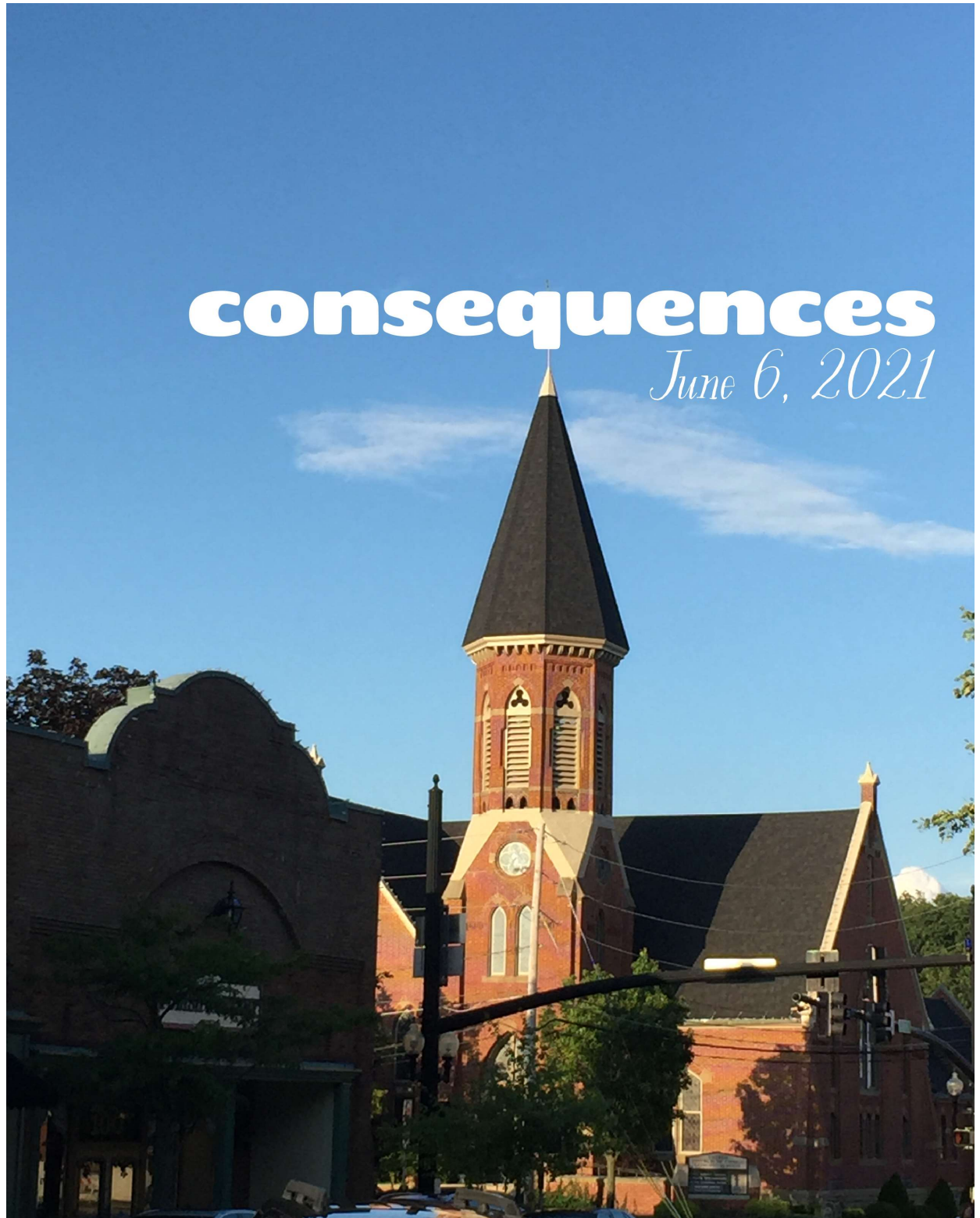


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**Those who are able please stand*

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Goodness of God”

Cathy Fafrak, Pianist

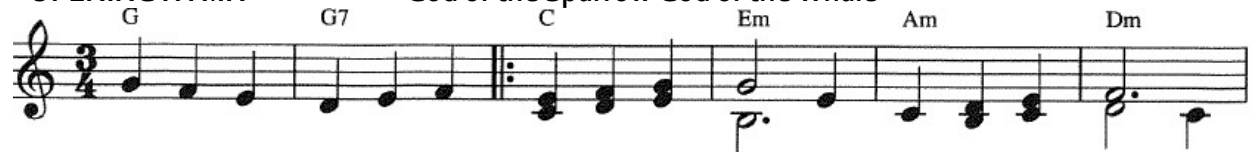
by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson; arr. Youngmin You

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
6 God of the a - ges God near at hand



God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

Awe	How does the	crea-ture say	Praise
Woe	How does the	crea-ture cry	Save
Grace	How does the	crea-ture say	Thanks
Care	How does the	crea-ture say	Life
Love	How does the	crea-ture say	Peace
Joy	How do your	chil-dren say	Home.

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
 Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 130, The Message translation)

Leader: Help, GOD—I've hit rock bottom!
 People: **Master, hear my cry for help!**
 Leader: Listen hard! Open your ears!
 People: **Listen to my cries for mercy.**
 Leader: If you, GOD, kept records on wrongdoings,
 who would stand a chance?
 People: **As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit,
 and that's why you're worshiped.**
 Leader: I pray to GOD—my life a prayer—
 and wait for what you will say and do.
 People: **My life's on the line before you my God, my Lord,
 waiting and watching till morning,**
 Leader: O Israel, wait and watch for GOD—
 People: **with GOD's arrival comes love,
 with GOD's arrival comes generous redemption.**
 Leader: No doubt about it—God will redeem Israel,
 People: **buy back Israel from captivity to sin.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Make Me a Blessing" Alice Metzloff, voice
 by George Shuler & Ira Wilson, adapted by Alice Metzloff

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-15 Deb Waldron, Liturgist

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 "Consequences"

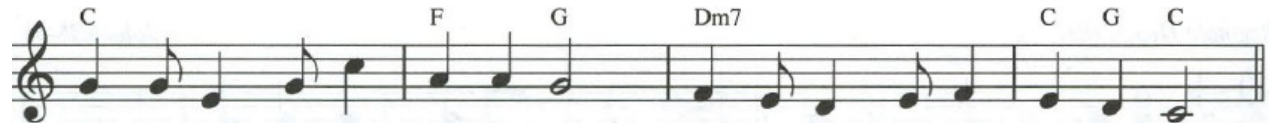
Rev. Pam Branscome, guest minister

HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Words: Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.
Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
Jamaican folk song
Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

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 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**

**Gracious Mystery, today we seek the encouragement of your presence. Do not leave us alone, O God, but send your Spirit to us that we may worship and serve you with joy;
Through Jesus our risen Savior, 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

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***BENEDICTION** (from the UCC Book of Worship, page 552)

Leader: The grace of God,

People: deeper than our imagination;

Leader: the strength of Christ,

People: stronger than our need;

Leader: and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

People: richer than our togetherness;

Leader: guide and sustain us today

People: and in all our tomorrows. 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** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – arr. Barry L. Bobb Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

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MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

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June 6, 2021 thru June 13, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship (in Sanctuary)
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Youth Group

Mon **Cook for Cups**
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**

Fri

Sat 10:00 am Choir Practice (in Sanctuary)

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”**

SUMMER MUSIC SIGN-UP

Please consider providing special music for our Sunday 10:30 am worship via video or in person (depending on your comfort level). Piano, violin, voice, trumpet, flute, guitar, etc.! Dates are now open through Labor Day. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/UCCCMusic> or contact the office. Thank you, and we can't wait to hear your musical gifts!

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

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-15

Sermon: “Consequences”

Rev. Pam Branscome, Guest Minister

Communion Table Flowers: The flowers are given by Dorothe Edinger in memory of David Edinger.

COMMUNION

“And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.”
Corinthians 10:17

REOPENING UPDATE!

At its May 27, 2021 meeting, Council approved the Reopening Team's recommendation to make the wearing of masks at worship services optional for those that are fully vaccinated. **This change is effective Sunday, June 6, 2021.** If you've not been vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. We understand that having different guidelines at various places you go may be confusing, but we are a congregation that serves God and each other as a community. We must trust each other to stay safe. Our decision to relax the mask mandate at church was made based on data about how COVID-19 is spreading, including state and county public health information.

Blessings,
The Reopening Team

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 for a Monday that can cook one hot meal for 60 people. Please contact Dan Daubner at DDaubner@zoominternet.net or 330-283-2742 if you would like to help out.

BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE

Frank Kish's Tuesday evening bible study group will now meet **from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** in the new library. See you there!

SUMMER SUN, SAND, SURF!

Circle of Caring craft is ready for Pick Up/Delivery

Crafts will be on a table in our church Welcome area. Pick up crafts during open office hours... 9:00am – 3:00pm June 1-4, and June 7-11.

On the sheet provided, please sign your initials by the name of the recipient to indicate a craft was taken for delivery.

Making a visit? Please abide by all COVID safety distancing guidelines. Please call ahead to make arrangements for delivery/visitation drop-off.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are thrilled that we will be able to offer Vacation Bible School in person this year. There will be some differences to keep everyone as safe as possible, but we are excited to be able to have the children in the building. This year VBS will be offered for 2 weeks in June. The first week will be June 7-10 and the second week will be June 21-24, with the exact same curriculum at each. So you can choose which week you would like to have your children attend. Our theme this year is "Discovery on Adventure Island" and it will be tons of fun! As always, many hands make light work. We are in need of people to help make sure it is a success. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please see Stacie Yates.

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.

BEATITUDES GO TO THE MOVIES!

Worship Series Begins Next Sunday June 13th!

Jesus gave us some blockbuster teachings. They've been a hit ever since they came out.

The worship team has missed going to the theatre, so we'll decorate the building like a movie theatre! They have 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 explore the Beatitude concepts through popular movies. 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.

As the late theologian Rachel Held Evans wrote in her book *"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again"*,

"The kingdom, Jesus taught, is right here--present yet hidden, immanent yet transcendent. It is at hand--among us and beyond us, now and not-yet. The kingdom of heaven, he said, belongs to the poor, the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, and those who hunger and thirst for God. It advances not through power and might, but through missions of mercy, kindness, and humility. In this kingdom, many who are last will be first and many who are first will be last. The rich don't usually get it, Jesus said, but children always do. This is a kingdom whose savior arrives not on a warhorse, but a donkey, not through triumph and conquest, but through death and resurrection. This kingdom is the only kingdom that will last."

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

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!

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!

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 3:20-35

God's Will

Today's scripture tells a story from early in Jesus's ministry. Jesus is teaching a group of disciples in a crowded house when his family arrives to cart him away, afraid that he has lost his wits. Jesus speaks against his mother and his brothers then, saying that those who follow the will of God are the ones who are his true family.

In this story, we see Jesus bravely following his inner knowing of God's will for him, instead of the voices that have long told him who and what he is. In his new community of friends and disciples, he knows that he is truly following God's will.

Have you ever had an experience like this? How has your inner knowing of God's will made itself known to you in a community that knows and believes in you? How did you respond?

Learning to hear, trust, and follow the way God's will makes itself known in your life is called discernment. That is why, in the twenty-first century, we in the United Church of Christ call those who are finding their way toward a career in ordained ministry "members in discernment."

Discernment about ministry comes from both the nudge of the inner voice, and the affirmation and challenge of a community. According to the Manual on Ministry, the church "Ordained Ministers belong to both God and the people. They are nurtured and sustained by both; they are responsible to both.... Ordained ministry is ministry of the Church entrusted to individuals; it is not the ministry of individuals acting independently."*

Is the call of God's will in your life an affirmation of what you've always been told about yourself, or is it an opportunity to listen to new voices in a community you've found for yourself later in life? Either way, if you believe you may be called to ordained ministry, ask your pastor to connect you with a representative from your conference or association.

**Manual on Ministry: A Guide to the Authorizing Ministry in the United Church of Christ, Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization, Local Church Ministries, A Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ, 2018.*