



# PEACE

 BEATITUDES  
GO TO THE  
MOVIES

**July 25, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

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

*Please take a moment to sign the attendance pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.*

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE "Peace with God" - Garrett Parker

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*OPENING HYMN

### "I've Got Peace Like A River"



1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
3. I've got love like an o- cean, I've got love like an



riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
foun- tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my  
o - cean, I've got love like an o- cean in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
soul. I've got foun - tain in my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
77.10

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (lyrics from "Brave" by Sarah Bareilles)

Leader: You can be amazing  
**People:** You can turn a phrase into a weapon or a drug  
Leader: You can be the outcast  
**People:** or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love  
Leader: Or you can start speaking up  
**People:** Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do  
Leader: When they settle 'neath your skin  
**People:** Kept on the inside and no sunlight  
Leader: Sometimes a shadow wins  
**People:** But I wonder what would happen if you  
Say what you wanna say  
Leader: And let the words fall out  
**People:** Honestly I wanna see you be brave.  
Leader: Let us enter in to worship  
**People:** with courage and conviction that God is present among us.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "It Is Well With My Soul" Leah Medley, Piano  
"Seek Ye First" Laura Medley, Violin

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:9 and Isaiah 2:1-4 Julie Gilliland, 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**



**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**Offering Invitation**

No one will do the work of peacemaking for us. There is no silver bullet. No magic spell. May what you offer of your time, talent, and treasure go to wage peace. Whether it be in supporting the mission of this church or to other services engaged in peace efforts. It all goes to establishing God's Beloved Community. You can give of your treasure in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary, mailing the office, online at [uccmedina.org/give](http://uccmedina.org/give) or you can text UCCMEDINA to 73256 and follow the prompts. Thank you for all the ways you are the church. Let us now sing to our 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, true, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (From Micah 4:3-4)

Holy One, use our gifts to hasten the day where you will judge between people and settle disputes between nations. Where we turn our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks. We will not take up weapon against our neighbor nor will we train for it. We shall sit under our own vines and trees without fear. And no one will make us afraid. For you have spoken. Thanks be to you, our God. Our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with  
me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was  
meant to be. \*With God our cre - a - tor,  
chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery' step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*\*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

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WORLD PEACE

Irr.

### \*BENEDICTION

- Leader: May you go from here to mend what needs mending,  
**People: To forgive what needs forgiven;**  
 Leader: To be brave in all the ways that you will wage peace today,  
**People: To offer blessing instead of insults;**  
 Leader: And silence in the noise of society.  
**People: To speak a word of peace in a world obsessed with war.**  
 Leader: Having been blessed to be a blessing, go! For this service has ended...  
**People: And our service 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      "Rejoicing Always" - Colin Curtis** Cathy Fafrak, Organist

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## JULY 25, 2021

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

Live streaming of the Sanctuary service is available at [www.uccmedina.org/live](http://www.uccmedina.org/live)

July 25, 2021 thru August 1, 2021

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun** “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  
**9:00 pm Beatitude Movie Night**  
“Hidden Figures” - at the pergola

**Mon** 1:00 pm Caring Team Meeting

**Tues** 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
7:00 pm Grief Support Group  
7:00 pm Gathering Band Practice

**Thurs**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**Sun** “Beatitudes Go to the Movies”  
**Summer Worship Series Ends Today**  
8:15 am Chapel Worship (in Sanctuary)  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
4:00 pm Youth Group

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

Scriptures: Matthew 5:9 & Isaiah 2:1-4

Sermon: “Peacemakers” - Rev. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table Flowers:** The flowers are given by Greg & Barb Shaffer in memory of their parents.

### **FINAL MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT!**

Please join us at the pergola tonight (July 25<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 pm for our final movie of the Beatitude series, “Hidden Figures.” In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Mark your calendars now for  
the 14<sup>th</sup> annual**

**ALIVE ON THE SQUARE**

Worship & Picnic

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Plan to join us and bring your family and friends!  
All are welcome!

### **GIFT CARD SCAM ALERT**

Please be aware of a new scam in town in which it seems that Pastors are requesting people purchase \$400 gift cards. NO PASTORS WILL ASK YOU TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS unless they ask you in person. There have already been a couple of incidents in the local area.

# BEATITUDES GO TO THE MOVIES!

## Worship Series Continues with Time Change for Showings

We'll gather this week at our pergola (or Fellowship Hall if the weather is bad) at **9 p.m.** The summer is a wonderful time to head to the movies, so come out **this Sunday** to watch “**Hidden Figures**” and join us on the livestream as we change our attitudes to the Beatitudes!

Date	Beatitude	Sermon/Movie	Showing for Next Week's Sermon	Streaming
July 25	Blessed are the peacemakers	Brave	SERMON 7/25	Disney+
August 1	Blessed are those who are persecuted	Hidden Figures	SHOWING on 7/25 for sermon on 8/1	Disney+, Hulu, Sling TV

## PASTOR'S Q & A

Today's question: **How do you deal with an atheist in your family?**

By listening and loving them. We're called to love God and our neighbor as ourself. Almost every atheist I've met is incredibly committed to the “love neighbor” part.

My mom recently shared a post on Facebook. I'm still thinking about it. It is a parable for how we are: “A man went to church. He forgot to switch off his phone and it rang during prayer. The pastor scolded him. The church admonished him. His wife lectured him on his way home. One could see the shame, embarrassment, and humiliation on his face. He never set foot in the church again.

That evening he went to a bar. He was still nervous and trembling. He spilled his drink. The waiter apologized and cleaned it up. The manager gave him a complimentary drink and a hug saying, ‘Don't worry man. Who doesn't make mistakes?’

Lesson: sometimes our attitude as believers drives souls away from God. You can make a difference by how you treat people especially when they make mistakes.”

I have an atheist in the family. And many of my friends. They know I'm a pastor and believe that the cosmic force that created everything speaks to me. They don't. Yet the god they don't believe in, I don't believe in either. The petty one who has a list and is checking it twice. The sky guy with a beard and a wrathful disposition. I love my atheist friends and family because they aren't trying to convert me nor I them. No strings attached to our love. And they make me think about what I believe and what I value.

I want to lead a church that acts more like the bar in the parable above. And I mourn that when many people think of church they think of shame and guilt. How about we fix that?



# PRAYER CONCERNS



## SUPPORT

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Richard Aberegg	Strength and healing
Connie Anderson	Comfort and peace
Betty	Strength and healing
Linda Christian	Strength and healing
Barbara Clark	Strength and healing
Judy Dawson	Strength and healing
Betty Einhart	Strength and healing
Rosemary Evans	Strength and healing
Jon Fleming	Strength and healing
Jack Funk	Strength and healing
Amy & Ron Henderson	Strength and healing
Dale Korecky	Strength and healing
Sam Langol	Strength and healing
Ed Lichtenberg	Strength and healing
Thomas Miller	Strength and healing
Emmitt Novak	Strength and healing from rare cancer
Jim Shaffer	Strength and healing from cancer
Jack Sharpe	Strength and healing
Lorrie Storch	Strength and healing
Ellie Tyler	Strength and healing
Welday family	Strength and healing
Terry Yancer	Strength and healing

## *Sympathies*

Our deepest Christian sympathies go to Joe & Lori Donnelly upon the death of Joe's mother, Dorothy Donnelly, on July 20, 2021.

## MILITARY SUPPORT

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CPT Dakota Thomasini	Air Force, San Antonio, TX (Carolee Rafn's granddaughter)
CPT Kyle Thomasini	Air Force, San Antonio, TX (Carolee Rafn's grandson-in-law)
LCpl Andrew Root	Marines, Quantico, VA (Brad & Kathy Root's son)
SFC Roberta Craig	Army Reserve, OH (Pastor Luke's half-sister)
PFC Joe DeSario	Army/National Guard, OH (Paul & Kelly DeSario's son)
LT Patrick Donnelly	Navy, Virginia (Joe & Lori Donnelly)
PFC Travis Dunn	Marines, San Diego, CA (Ruth Dunn's grandson)
AFC Michael Fikter	Air Force, Italy (Greg & Barb Shaffer's nephew)
CPL Greg Swayer	Army, Philadelphia (Stacie Yates' cousin)
SGT Tyler Walschon	Army/National Guard, OH (John & Joan Walschon's son)
Kyle Weekley	Army (Daubner Family)

## **Church Staff Planning Retreat**

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Your Church Staff will be out of the office on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for a planning retreat. There are so many exciting things coming your way as we gear up for another full year of sermons, Sunday school, all church activities and gatherings, book studies, bible studies, confirmation, Bible Sunday, youth groups, new member classes, Advent & Lenten activities, special missions, and so much more!!!

**There will be a volunteer in the church office from 9 am – 1 pm** to help out but the church staff will not be available.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

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It has been a while since we have updated and printed a new church directory, so we will be printing new ones to be **available on Rally Day, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

In an effort to have an updated directory, **please notify the office with any telephone, address or email changes no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please call or email: 330-725-4559 or [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org). Thank you.

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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**

John 6:1-21

### **God's Abundant Presence**

The story of the "loaves and fishes" is one of the most beloved of all Bible stories. The hungry crowds, the presence of children, the abundance left over - it is easy to get pulled into the warmth and joy of this story.

Some say that the feeding of the people that day was one kind of miracle (Jesus made the food appear). Some say it was another kind (the crowd was so moved that they began sharing what they had previously hoarded). Whatever it was, the feeding that occurred was immediate and specific to the situation and responsive to a tremendous and obvious need.

For centuries, the church has been moved to feed people in the same way that the story illustrates in all kinds of situations and conditions. When the COVID pandemic made serving food in person risky, that did not change, even if the method of food distribution had to.

The Faith Cafe, an ecumenical partnership with Bethel United Church of Christ in Beaverton, Oregon and other churches in the area is one great example. Faith Cafe describes itself as a partnership of communities who in love, compassion, and justice, are dedicated to serving neighbors who are hungry for community and food.

"We accomplish this by sharing a free meal, as a family, and advocating for long term social changes that will reduce poverty and hunger... Each person who comes to Faith Cafe is a blessing to us and it is a privilege for us to serve them."

That posture of humility and gratitude for the ability to serve meant that Faith Cafe was ready and able to pivot to a new way of service when COVID-19 sent the church, along with the rest of the community, into quarantine.

Rather than a hot meal, the weekly Faith Cafe became a to-go counter, with food distributed in sacks that could be taken away. As their food needs were met, and they were treated safely and with respect, Faith Cafe guests were fed body and soul.