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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 “Little Prelude in B-flat” – JS Bach

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***VISIONING PRAYER**

by Sharon Alberson
Written for Medina UCC © 2013

God, help us to be welcoming. God, help us to be loving.
God, help us to see that serving you can lead us to
A place full of grace with no limits where we can be free...
To open our hands, welcoming. To open our hearts, loving.
To be more than church on Sunday, to live in the light from above;
To celebrate in service and love.

***OPENING PRAYER** The UCC Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology

This version of the Statement of Faith was approved by the United Church of Christ Executive Council in 1981 for use in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the denomination.

Leader: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

People: God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

Leader: You call the worlds into being,

People: create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

Leader: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

People: You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

People: you have come to us and shared our common lot
conquering sin and death and
reconciling the world to yourself.

Leader: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,

People: creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

Leader: You call us into your church

People: to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

Leader: You promise to all who trust you

People: forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Leader: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Matthew 7:24-27

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE TOM EVANS AWARD FOR 2021

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation (UCC Book of Worship, page 550)

Leader: What an abundance of gifts we have to offer:

People: musical talent, the melody of laughter,

Leader: The use of our hands in cooking and repairs,

People: The use of our minds in problem solving, curiosity, compassion,
patience and urgency,

Leader: spiritual reservoirs, financial resources, obedience and courage to act.

People: All these gifts and others which bear our personal marks

Leader: are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church.

People: Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with our offerings.

***Doxology** (*Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted*)

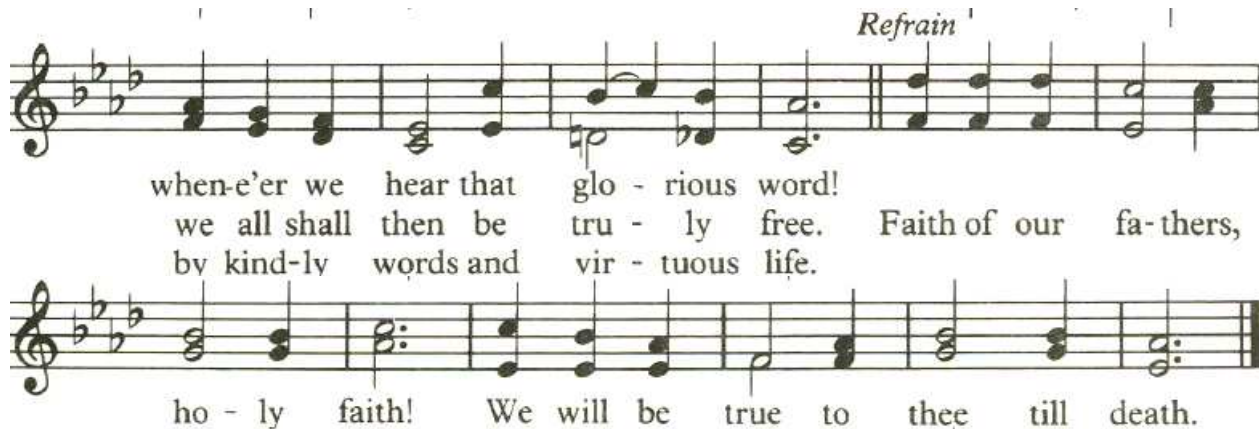
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter: One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (UCC Book of Worship, page 551)

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ.
As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even
as Jesus taught and lived. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN*"Faith of Our Fathers"**


1. Faith of our fa - thers,* liv - ing, still, in spite of dun-geon,
 2. Faith of our fa - thers, we will strive to win all na-tions
 3. Faith of our fa - thers, we will love both friend and foe in
 fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
 all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how



Frederick W. Faber, 1849

ST. CATHERINE 88.88.88

Henri F. Hemy, 1864; adapt. James G. Walton, 1874

***BENEDICTION** (UCC Book of Worship, page 553)

Leader: We have worshipped God together;

People: **Now we go our separate ways.**

Leader: May the spirit which has blessed us here,

People: **Be your spirit in each day that comes. 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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – arr. David Paxton**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”

Live streaming of the Sanctuary service is available at www.uccmedina.org/live

October 24, 2021 thru October 31, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Service
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:30 am Bell Choir warm-up
10:30 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm Confirmation Class
4:00 pm ALL CHURCH HAYRIDE

Mon

Tues 7:00 pm Bible Study

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Practice
7:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thurs 7:00 pm Congregational Council

Fri

Sat

Sun REFORMATION SUNDAY
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:45 am Choir warm-up
10:30 am Traditional Worship

FALL FLOWERPOTS

The fall flowerpots are up around the Medina square, including our church's happy hiker! Thanks to Melissa Bilikam, Karen Zuehlke, and Kaitlyn Stevenson for assembling our display. You can find it on Liberty in front of Swine BBQ. Let's welcome, love, and serve on this journey of life together!

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

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2:1-19
and Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon: "PROJECT: Design" - Rev. Luke Lindon

Communion Table Flowers: The flowers today are given by John and Carol Sandora in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

COIN JARS FOR SENIORS

Last year our Coin Collection Jars were cancelled because of Covid-19. This year we will be collecting your spare change again to purchase meat for seniors living in high rises in Medina County. Feeding Medina County will handle distribution. The jars will be in the East Room for pick-up. Please take a jar and add your name to the sign-up sheet. **Please feel free to turn in your jars early if they are filled!** We encourage all three services to help provide for our seniors during the Christmas holidays. **Jars will be collected on November 28th.**

JESUS VIBE

There are some exciting things going on downstairs on Sunday mornings during church. Jesus Vibe is our new Children's Ministry program that is replacing F.I.S.H. The children are studying the same sermon series as the adults are upstairs. They are using their creativity to create ways to share what they have learned with each other and the church. Their final projects will be shared with the church during the church service. They may be doing a live performance and/or creating a video to share with the church. Their first project will be shared on Sunday, October 24. Stay tuned for more details!

COSTUME PARADE

Sunday, October 31

Since Halloween is on a Sunday this year, we thought it would be fun if we had a costume parade. We are inviting the children to wear their costumes to church, and we will have a parade so they can show off their costume. We cannot wait to see all the great costumes!

THE LAST MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

We'll round out our Trinity of Book Studies with a book about SERVE on **November 15th at 7 p.m.** Sara Miles great book ***Take This Bread*** will be the subject of the night.

These events are one night only. I hope you'll join us in Fellowship Hall for these events. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES COMING IN JANUARY VIA ZOOM!

Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University*! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you'll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. And now, you can try Financial Peace free for 14 days! Visit fpu.com/1141840 to sign up and learn more. Class starts **Thursday, January 20, 2022**. It's time to stop worrying about money! In *Financial Peace University*, you'll learn the proven plan to help you master keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth! You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1141840. Class starts **Thursday, January 20, 2022**.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR GLASSES?

We have quite a collection of sunglasses & reading glasses (cheaters) in the church office. If you have lost any, please check out the office to see if any of them belong to you!

“YOU GOT THIS” PERIOD PACKS

In order to mitigate financial instability and social stigmas around menstruation, we are going to build emergency “You Got This” period packs for Al Root & Claggett Middle Schools. If we can build enough, we will distribute to Black River Middle School, our most economically challenged district in the county. These kits will be built with our junior high youth, and any will parents/volunteers on Sunday, November 14th at 1 pm. at the church (inside/outside weather permitting).

These kits will contain pantliners, pads, tampons, Ziploc bags, body wipes, and & an encouraging card in a zipper bag. Church members who are interested in donating may do so by leaving items in the collection box in the Welcome Area, or church member Ellen Nolan's front porch (607 S. Court St), or by direct mailing via this Amazon wish list. Amazon wish list (you can use this for guidance purposes only or direct ship donations) <http://tinyurl.com/PeriodPacks>

Preferred products: Always Radiant FlexFoam Teen Pads, Regular Absorbency; U by Kotex Click Compact Tampons, Regular Absorbency; U by Kotex Barely There Thin Panty Liners, Light Absorbency OR Always Radiant Pantyliners, Regular Unscented; Summer's Eve Feminine Cleansing Wipes (OR ANY COMPARABLE **individually wrapped** product), & quart sized Ziploc bags.

MEET OUR NEW CUSTODIAN!



Sharon Perry is a mother of 5 children and foster mom of many who have lost their way.

Originally from Brunswick, moved to the awesome town of Medina in 2000.

She loves the outdoors, and all nature has to offer. Sharon says, she “recently married the most awesome man”!



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SIGN UP NOW!!

HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT RICHARDSON'S FARMS

HERE IS THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

WHAT: All-Church Hayride & Dinner

WHEN: This Sunday, October 24 from 4:00-7:00 PM

WHERE: Richardson Farms, 6984 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH

COST: \$9/preschoolers, \$10 ages 6-15, \$11 for ages 16 and up

HOW TO REGISTER: 1) Online at <http://tinyurl.com/HayrideSignUp> 2) Call the office at 330-725-4559 or 3) Sign up on the signup sheet in the hall outside the church office.

Our friends at Boyert's made the decision to no longer offer hayrides at their farm, but have no fear, we will be able to continue our fun tradition at Richardson's. This includes a dinner (hot dogs, chips, apples, and apple cider), hayride, pumpkin, smore's and lots of other great fall fun. We would love to have some chili also, so if you are willing to bring a crockpot of chili, please let us know or mark it on the signup sheet in the hall outside the office. **You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance.** Pay online when you register or drop off a check to the office payable to Medina UCC and put "hayride" in the memo. Hope to see you there!

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

CREGGANE

Traditional Irish Music Concert

Fiddle, Flute, Tin Whistle, Harp, Bouzouki, Guitar, Bodhran

NOVEMBER 7 at 3:00 P.M.



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217 East Liberty, Medina

\$15.00 Suggested donation (Kids are free)

ARE YOU A LITTLE BIT IRISH?
DO YOU LIKE IRISH FOLK MUSIC?

Join us for a concert of traditional Irish music in our sanctuary!

"Creggane" will perform with fiddle, flute, tin whistle, harp, bouzouki, guitar, and bodhran.

There will be traditional Irish dancing!

Help support gigging musicians!

October 24, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
United Nations Day

Mark 10:46-52

Take Heart

When Jesus meets Bartimaeus by the side of the road, he does not assume what is needed for healing. Instead, he asks, “what can I do for you?”

When the Winslow Congregational Church in Winslow, Maine, found that they had a budget surplus for the second year in a row, they did not assume they knew what was needed. Instead, Winslow Pastor Kim Shrader recounts, “Questions were asked, and ears were open to find where there was a need we could serve. There was a very small food bank at another church that was in danger of losing their space. So, we looked at partnering with them. The idea quickly grew beyond providing space for the existing food bank that was only open two hours a month, to starting a second food bank with more capacity and open two days a month.”

“Six months into operation, the food cupboard is thriving. Food is donated from local grocery stores and Walmart, from food drives by different organizations, from gleaners working with local farmers, and from the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Good Shepherd food is available at a deep discount allowing money donations to go a very long way. Many local businesses, organizations, and individuals give generously. Additionally, the cupboard has distributed USDA farm to table food boxes as part of the Corona relief aid from the federal government.”

“It is an all-volunteer staff. A local parochial school provides a lot of volunteers on distribution days with youth from 7-12 grades. Volunteer drivers bring food to those without transportation (a major problem here).”

“There is a lot of hospitality offered,” Rev. Shrader concludes. “It’s not just the food. It’s things like a few gardeners in the congregation got together, made raised beds, and planted vegetables for the cupboard. It’s the new member using his skills as a publicist to get newspaper and TV coverage of the food cupboard. It’s the church’s youth insisting that their “school from home” schedule allow them to spend Thursday helping at the cupboard.”

- What questions are going unasked in your community?
- How can you and your congregation listen more deeply?
- Who is speaking and asking for help?