

A Good Enough Faith



EASTER SUNDAY
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- During the 10:30 service, Jesus Vibes Sunday School is available for ages 3-8th grade

“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 BELL

PRELUDE “The Strife Is O’er” – arr. Wilbur Held

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

WELCOME AND EASTER GREETINGS

Leader: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah, Amen!

SONG “Hymn of Promise” *Natalie Sleeth, 1985, PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.*

Unison

3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

***CALLING ON GOD** (Based on Psalm 114)

Leader: Let us pray together:

People: **Holy One, You whose love endures forever, you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what. We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation. We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light—encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors, and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden—this is more than good enough for us! Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN 7:7.7.7. Alleluias

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Lyra Davidica, 1708



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Leader: Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the fear of isolation and anguish at endings, inviting us to community and creativity for birthing new life—unexpected life, unending love. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD IN MUSIC “God’s Love Is Alive in Us Today” - *Mark Patterson*

Chancel Choir & Bells

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.

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 (N.T. pg. 108)

Nick North, Liturgist

At the conclusion of the reading we respond, “Thanks be to God.”

THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH

“A Good Enough Faith”

Rev. Luke Lindon

RESPONSE

“Lord of the Dance”

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

LORD OF THE DANCE, Irr. with refrain
Shaker melody, adapt. Sydney Carter, 1963



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun,
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;



And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die;



And I came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:

At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll
lead you all in the Dance, said he. Dance, said he.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

There is an offering plate by the East Room and by the tower doors if you feel led to deposit your envelope or an offering there. You can also give through our Realm app or text-to-give by texting 73256 and following the prompts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Offertory Invitation

Surprising God, we offered you death and you return with life and life abundant. We deny and betray, you restore and forgive. Accept our gifts of time, talent, and treasure as we seek to do your will and establish your kingdom here. Let us rise in body or spirit and sing out our praise!

*Doxology (Old 100th, adapted)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below.**

*Prayer after Offering

Holy One, may what we give roll away the heavy stone. May our neighbors find an open door where all was closed. May our welcome and hearts be as wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day. When Love calls our name, may we respond with surprise, delight, and a hug, just as Mary did. We pray in the name of our Resurrected Teacher, Jesus our Christ, amen!

A BLESSING FOR YOU WHO ARE BEING PLANTED (from *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie)

*CLOSING HYMN

“Yours Is the Glory”

Edmond L. Budry, 1904, trans, 1993

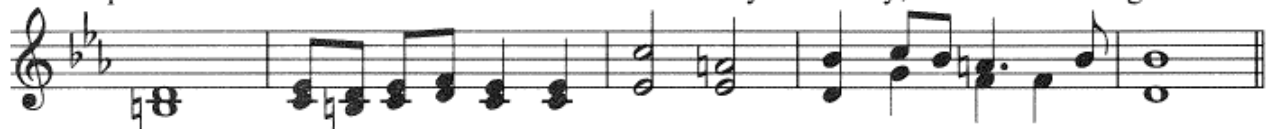
JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
G.F. Handel, 1751



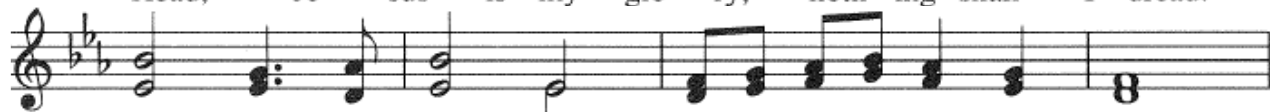
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives



you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and



way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Leader: And now, may the God who loves all of creation,

People: especially the gardens we call our lives,

Leader: and Jesus,

People: our companion along this crooked path called life,

Leader: and the Holy Spirit,

People: who loves to improvise in surprising ways,

Leader: go with you, dwell among you, and give you joy.

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** "Toccatà" from *Symphony No. 5 for Organ, Op. 42, No. 1* – Charles-Marie Widor
Cathy Fafrak, Organist

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

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Easter Lilies



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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

APRIL 17, 2022

**“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

April 17, 2022 thru April 24, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun **EASTER SUNDAY & Easter Offering**
No Jesus Vibes Sunday School
7:00 am Sunrise Service @ Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Mon **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**
1:00 pm **Bible Encounter Cancelled**
7:00 pm **Bible Encounter Cancelled**

Tues 7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm **Worship Team Meeting**

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm **DELT Meeting**
7:00 pm Gathering Band rehearsal

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun **BIBLE SUNDAY**
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Bell choir rehearsal
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am **Caring Team Meeting**
5:00 pm **Confirmation Dinner & rehearsal**

ENCOUNTER – BIBLE STUDY

Please join us as we read through the Sacred Stories. Mondays at 1pm and 7pm.

Final dates are: 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 & 5/16

Worship Highlights:

7:00 am – Sunrise Service @ Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel

8:15 am – UCC Chapel

9:00 am – Fellowship Hall

10:30 am – Sanctuary (Livestreamed)

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: “A Good Enough Faith”
-Rev. Luke Lindon

EASTER OFFERING TODAY

The Mission Leadership Team thanks you for your continued support of special offerings this year! The **Wolff Fund** was created for Recruitment and Funding for Theological Education. Through this fund, financial assistance is given to members of the Ohio Conference who will be attending UCC seminaries and entering ministry in our denomination. The Fund was established by UCC ordained minister, Rev. Richard Wolff and his wife, Rachael, a church educator. Please give generously this Easter to this special offering to ensure the education of future UCC ministers.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT UCC!

Today after the 10:30 service

Please join us after the 10:30 service for an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The children should bring their Easter Basket or a bag so they can add a few more eggs to their collection. We will have the hunt in the grass by the pergola.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Check out the bulletin board in the East Room hallway to sign up to be a liturgist during May and June at the 10:30 Sanctuary service.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday will be April 24th. On this day, 11 very special 3rd and 4th graders will be presented their very own bible. We hope you can join us for their special day and help us celebrate them.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held June 13th–16th and registration will begin on Easter Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of the fun! [Click here to register.](#)

If you are willing to help and volunteer in any way, please see Stacie Yates.

COME JOIN THE CARING TEAM

Do you want to know your church members better? Do you like to cook, entertain, or plan events that people enjoy? Then join our Caring Team. Each year the Caring Team hosts many events such as the Ice Cream and Pie Social on the Square, the 50+ Luncheon, Chili Cook Off, Coffee Hour and this year we will be serving food for the Great Vintage Race on the Square. Meetings are held every 3rd Sunday, after the 10:30 am service. If you would like to know more contact Sue Dean at 330-952-1840 or Darlene Fazekas at 330-241-5840.

COFFEE HOUR RESUMES

Sunday, May 1st

Do you want to get to know other church members? Have great fellowship? Come One, Come All to Coffee Hour! The **Caring Team** will be hosting Coffee Hour Sunday, May 1st after the 10:30 am service. May 1st is also Confirmation Sunday, so come celebrate with our confirmands! For the month of May, the Caring Team will host each week.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Candidates' resumes are coming in! We are meeting with our conference contact about the "UCC Interview way" and will be setting up interviews very soon. Thank you for your support during this thoughtful process.

ANNUAL REPORT TIME!

Teams, Committees and Leadership of the church are being asked to write up **their Annual Reports** to be presented at the **May 22nd Annual Meeting immediately following ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 10:00 am.** The due date for your report will be no later than **Monday, May 2nd.** Please email or drop off your reports to me in the church office. Please try to limit your reports to one page for the purpose of space limitations. Also, please inform me as to any changes on your team. I appreciate all your efforts in **getting these to me on time.** Please email to: office@uccmedina.org

NEW MEN'S GROUP

All men are invited to join in a new men's group facilitated by Chuck Rihm, one of our new members from last fall. He will be utilizing the Way of Council. The Way of Council is a communal contemplative practice that fosters a heart-centered way of listening, speaking and being with others. The practice opens a deeper and more meaningful way of communicating and fosters compassion and empathy for other men's experiences. Men can speak without being judged or shamed; speak about their emotions and be emotional; forge real and authentic relationships with other men; and share the real challenges of the different roles we have in life: husband/partner, father, grandfather, brother, provider, businessman, mentor, and apprentice. **We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:30-6:00 PM in the new library** while the Youth Group is in session. We will begin May 1st. Please consider joining us to journey from our head to you heart and deepen your brotherhood with your fellow congregants. Questions? Contact Chuck at 440-503-8021 or rihm@compuerve.com.

EASTER BAG THANK YOU

Thank you for making our 13th annual Easter bag ministry another great success! 41 bags were delivered to 15 families to bring some joy to children with an incarcerated parent in Medina County Jail. We had a reporter from the Medina Gazette that visited last week and wrote an article about our Easter Bags so be sure to check it out! It's available online if you do not receive the Gazette. Happy Easter!

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF MEDINA COUNTY

The Mission Team selected The Children's Center of Medina County for our first quarter of giving because of their dedication to helping children in crisis and their dedication to providing love and care for Medina's vulnerable youth. We donated \$2,735 to help the center provide services. The Children's Center has many roles. We encourage you to read more about the priceless resources they provide to our community.

THANK YOU to all who came out to do the Spring Cleanup in the snow at the Children's Center! They appreciated all the help!

To help prevent child abuse and bring awareness, we have pinwheels spinning in our Church's lawn! Another way to support the Children's Center is **to join us for the Pinwheel walk on April 24th**! We will meet at the Church at 2pm and walk over to the square together.

During the Pinwheel Walk we will gather as a community to plant 696 pinwheels representing each case of Child Abuse opened by Medina County Job and Family Services during 2021.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Would you like to join our church family!? Join us for our next new member classes! The next classes will be held **Mondays, May 16th & 23rd**. **Classes will be held from 7 pm – 9 pm** in the New Library. New members **will join the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th**. Childcare is provided if needed during class. Please Register here in [REALM](#) or contact the Church Office at 330-725-4559 if you are interested and let us know if you will need childcare.

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COOK FOR CUPS

Thank you all for your (labor and talent) in Cooking for Cups. We had a great time with our Elementary Youth cooking for Cups this month. I hope you all saw the pictures on Facebook and the photos in the paper of the elementary group cooking last month. We had such a great time.

Available dates are:

Monday, June 6th

Monday, July 11th – Open (Fourth of July is the first Monday and Cups will be closed.)

Monday, August 1st

Monday, September 5th

Let me know if you'd like to cook for one of the open days. You can cook individually or get a few people from your circle of friends to split the workload. The meals should serve 60 people. They can be delivered hot or cold (to be reheated) at 10:00 am on the day. Cups politely requests no soup as they already get plenty of soup donations. Tim VanArsdale did say all food is welcome and in the same breath did say they get a lot of pasta dishes. He understands that pasta dishes are the easiest to cook for a large group and are always welcome.

The Church will reimburse you if you turn in receipts. If you need assistance in getting the food to Cups Café on Monday, let me know. If you would like to help out this ministry, contact Dan Daubner at ddaubner@zoominternet.net If you would like to volunteer at Cups to serve/man the counter you can sign up below. <https://signup.com/go/tnfTzBu> Thank you for taking care of our community.

KID SNACK PACK PROJECT

In celebration of Global Youth Service Day on Sunday, May 1, our Sunday School classes and Youth Groups will be learning about hunger and how they can impact food insecure neighbors in the Medina community. The kids will create snack packs that can be distributed by the church to the seven Little Free Food Pantries in town. *Youth group will assemble the packs Sunday, May 1, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church.

We welcome anyone in the congregation who would like to contribute food items to bring donations to the marked box in the mission area by Sunday, May 1.

Suggested items geared towards kids include:

cheese & cracker packs, peanut butter cracker packs, granola bars, individual cups of peanut butter, fruit & veggie pouches, individual animal cracker packs, instant oatmeal packs, breakfast bars, applesauce/fruit cups, mini muffin packs, yogurt raisins, teddy graham packs, mini cereal boxes, pudding cups, non-refrigerated yogurt packs, mac & cheese cups, & fruit snacks.

Assembled packs and maps to discover the Medina Little Food Pantries will be available to the congregation in the mission area for anyone at the church to deliver at their leisure until gone.

Questions? Contact Ellen Nolan 814-282-8493 or Katy Medley

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

April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

Resurrection Joy

A Litany in Word and Song for Easter Day.

Reader: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen indeed!

Reader: We raise our voices in song because we cannot keep silent.

People: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ! This is the good news of the resurrection!

All voices sing:

People rise up and praise our God!

People rise up and see what God has done!

People rise up and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: On that first Easter day so long ago, the women crept to the tomb, expecting to find the body of their beloved friend and teacher. Instead, they were astonished to find that God had once again done the unexpected - turned death into life.

People: And they went away singing, "This is the good news of the resurrection!"

All Voices Sing:

Let us sing out with praise to God!

Let us sing out, the stone has rolled away,

Let us sing out and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: The story they told that day continued to be told and retold, across borders and through generations. This is a story that transcends time and space. This is a story that brings freedom to the imprisoned, power to the meek and hope for the despairing.

**People: And today we continue to sing together the good news of our Risen Savior!
Hallelujah!**

All voices sing:

Shout and then dance for God is good!

**Shout and then dance, new life has come from death, Shout and then dance
and bless the name of the Lord.**