



LEGION MEDINA

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- *During the 10:30 service, the nursery is available for newborns to age 2 and Summer Sunday School is available for ages 3 through those entering 3rd 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 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together” – Bob Gillman/arr. Mark Hayes

Cathy Fafrak, Pianist

WELCOME

Leader: Good morning, Church! We are Medina, United Church of Christ, Congregational, and no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,

People: You are welcome here!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX 7-7-7-7-7

Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the staves, there are five numbered lines of lyrics corresponding to the notes above them.

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.

United States Traditional

United States Traditional; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 our God will see us through some day.

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

Leader: The gifts of God come generously and abundantly.

People: **We hold, nurture, and amplify them as they are entrusted to our care.**

We respond faithfully by sharing them for the good of community and creation.

Leader: In this act of faith and trust, we transform our resources of time, talent, and finances into the good news in the world.

People: **We will rise in body or spirit and sing praise to you, our God.**

**Doxology (words, Ruth Duck, ©2005, GIA Publications)*

Praise God, the Source of life and birth; Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;

Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame; All glory, honor to God's Name! Amen.

**Prayer after Offering*

We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

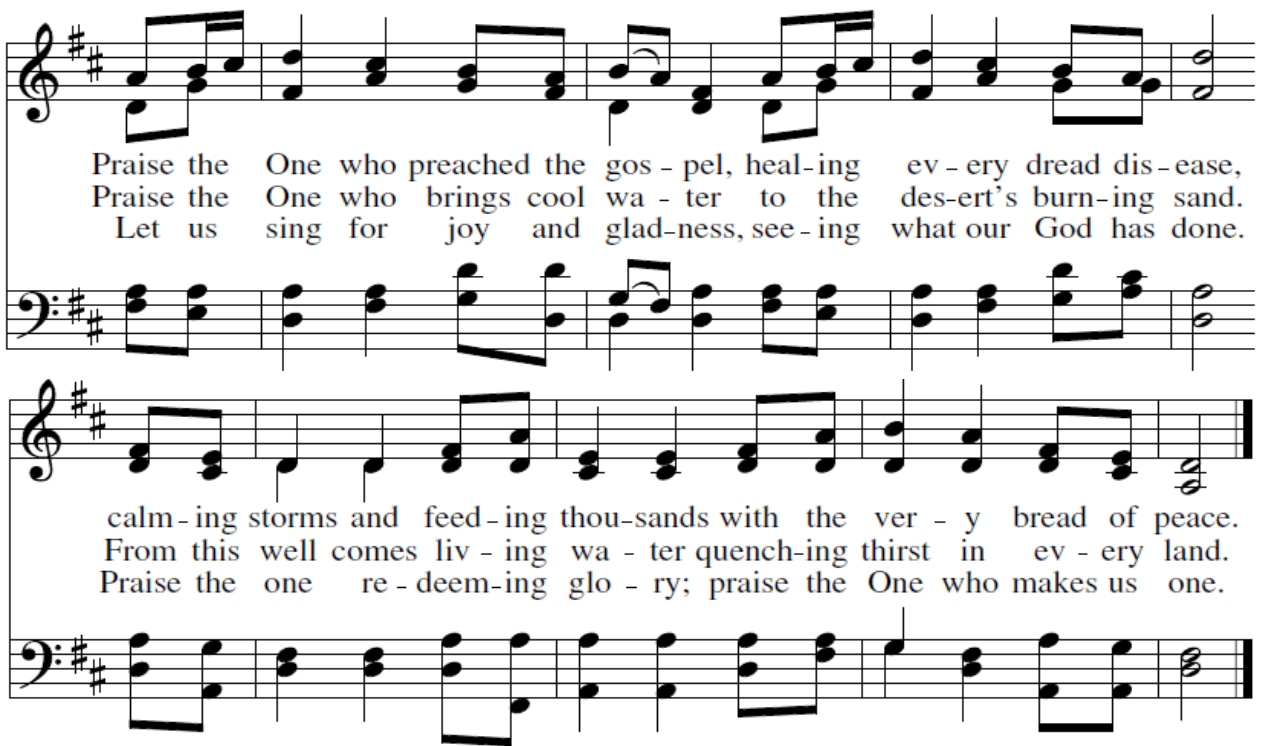
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.

Rusty Edwards (1955 -), ©1987 Hope Publishing Company

John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.

Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

People: May the Abiding One strengthen us to stand in truth and hope.

Leader: May the Living Water refresh you with new streams of righteousness.

People: May Wisdom be the voice we follow now as we go out into the world, encouraged and emboldened, and renewed.

Leader: Having been blessed to be a blessing, GO! 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 "Partita on Nettleton" - John Eggert

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

II. Tune

VI. Ritornello

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 19, 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

June 19, 2022 thru June 26, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:00 am Juneteenth Celebration on the
Square
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:30 am Caring Team Meeting

Mon **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH**
1:00 pm
Breadmakers
6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

Tues **The Great Race Medina**
7:00 pm Bible Study

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
5:00 pm Hobby Horse Trike-a-Thon
7:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal

Thurs 7:00 pm Congregational Council

Fri

Sat

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship

THANK YOU

“A big thank you” to all who donated pies, baked goods, ice cream, pop, bottled water, paper products and their time for the Ice Cream Social. Special thanks to the Caring Team and Darlene Fazekas for the organizational skills to make this event happen! Such wonderful teamwork made this event a huge success! The total amount raised was \$1316.71!

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

Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15 & Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: “Legion” - Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given by Ken & Karen Zuehlke in memory of their fathers.

PASTOR LUKE’S DOCTORAL PRESENTATION: *BELONGING AT THE END OF THE ABERRANT TIME*

Luke will present his doctoral thesis following the 10:30 service on June 26th in Fellowship Hall. It’ll save you from reading all the 157 pages and also understand what study was run here at the church and what the findings were. C’mon out!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be offered during the summer at the 10:30 service for ages 3 to children entering 3rd grade. We will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit. Come and join us!

The nursery will continue to be available for infants and children through age 2 during the summer at the 10:30 service. The nursery is located on the lower level below the Chapel.

JUST A NOTE REGARDING THE GREAT RACE

Please be aware that on **Tues., June 21st the Square and 1 surrounding block will be closed to traffic between 11:45 a.m. and 4 p.m.** There will be no parking on the square. The church will be serving lunches for the racers, provided by the City of Medina.

OPERATION HOMES WANTS YOU!

We need help getting Operation Homes up and running at our Church! This has been in the works for a long time.

How can you help?

- Sign up to be a greeter
- Spend the night in the church
- Help prepare and serve a hot dinner
- Donate breakfast and lunch items

If you are interested, please sign up on the Mission Board in the East Room Hallway so we can get this program up and running this summer! Questions? Please contact Maureen Walker or Pastor Luke about this exciting mission!

A MEDITATION IN JUNE

A friend recently gifted me with a guitar. He wasn't playing it and wanted to get it to someone who would play it. But I'm sure there's something wrong with it. I took it to Woodsy's. I bought new strings. I borrowed an amp of a musician in the church. But there's definitely something wrong with it.

Anytime I go to play a song, it sounds nothing like the song I'm trying to play. It has to be the guitar, right? Can't be operator error.

I am having a lot of fun making noise with the guitar and it's making me admire the training and skill Cathy, the Gathering Band, and all our musicians in the church bring us. Music is magic. People figured out how to tune and do note progressions and how to layer sound together. And they do all this and SING at the same time. I mean, how do they do it?!

Rock legend Tom Waits stated, "Music is just counting and changing air pressure, but look what it can do in us." I am learning the basics and trying to learn and tuning myself to the ways of the guitar. It makes me reflect on my prayer life. I have spent a lot of time tuning myself to God. Trying to act as Jesus did. Trying to find where the Spirit is moving in my life. Prayer is like tuning the strings of a guitar to the key of God. Whatever we play or pray will be acceptable to God. The Psalm says to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" it says nothing about being in key or sounding good. Or refined.

I've heard from many folks who don't know how to pray or are unsure of where to start. Some think that there is a right way to pray and that they're doing it wrong. I can assure you, that if you're spending time in prayer, it's a good thing. Like music, there are many genres of prayer, all of which can be found in the Psalms. Just pray through the Psalms. Pay attention to the emotions and style of the psalm. There are psalms of praise, lament, anger, sadness, uncertainty, and confusion. Some psalms even rage and doubt God's love for us.

You can also pray very abstractly. The first taste of a good cup of coffee or tea? Offer up that feeling to God with a spirit of gratitude. That feeling of a warm summer day, as you're wrapped in warmth and a breeze hits you in the back? Offer that feeling in prayer. No words required! That's another way to pray.

I'm trying to spend 10 minutes a day on the guitar. I'm treating it like an act of prayer as it's widening my sense of the talent and giftedness of all the musicians I know and admire. It connects me to my neighbor, I'm noticing more in God's world, and I have more gratitude in my life. If that's not an act of prayer, I don't know what is.

Praying is simply noticing and thinking of God and neighbor but look what it can do in us! Thanks be to God. Amen.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Let's Make a Difference lunches

Let's Make a Difference is a 501C3 in Medina that approached our church to help feed kids in their summer educational program once a week for six weeks. Based in Union Square, it allows participating kids to grab a packed lunch after attending a morning's worth of programming and close gaps in summer food insecurity.

[This single sign up](#) covers ALL the sides and drinks for the next SIX WEEKS.

If you are able to bring your donations right away we are collecting them in our beautiful new cubbies in the mission area (pick any cubby!). You can deliver during open hours on weekdays (until 3 p.m.) and on Sundays. We ask that final delivery of ALL items be delivered to church by **Sunday, 6/26**.

Thank you for opening your hearts to help our neighbors!

CHANGE OF DATE!

Trees: God's Hint to Humanity

A book discussion on **Tuesday, June 28th** at 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall

If there weren't a floor where you're sitting or standing, what would be there? Probably a tree.

Have you looked around lately? TREES are everywhere! Why? Are trees possibly a hint from God to humanity? Annette Palmer explains why she believes they are.

Explore the landscape from a train's window. Reminisce about your past Christmases, your last walk in the woods, your last drive down the freeway. Fill your thoughts with how amazing nature is. Connect with God like never before through the largest living creatures on Earth, TREES!

Author Annette Palmer is from Brunswick, Ohio. Her passion is teaching the Bible to all ages and especially to women in marriage, seniors, and children. She is a wife, married to Bob, a mom to CJ, a Toastmaster, Sunday school teacher, Bible Study teacher and church musician. She is blessed with wonderful family and friends.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Come join the FUN and **volunteer at the Medina Festival on the Square on Saturday, July 16th**! This is a way to be part of the festivities and show our UCC love for the community. We will be having a craft activity along with corn hole. This is a great way to hangout; bring a friend to volunteer! We are only asking for a two-hour commitment. Time slots available are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. You may sign up at:

<http://tinyurl.com/UCCFest>.

Have questions?

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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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

June 19, 2022
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

In God's Presence

Today's scripture tells the story of Elijah, worn out by political maneuvering, isolated and afraid. At the very end of his rope, Elijah was ready to give up. God did not give up on him, though, and spoke to him, giving him clarity and a renewed sense of purpose. Strengthened, he was able to go back out to follow God's way. How about you? Are you also feeling isolated and weary? If so, take heart. God is near! Listen for God's guidance as you remember that your actions and your voice matter now more than ever.

You need look no further for clarity and purpose than the many *Our Faith, Our Vote* resources available online from the Justice and Local Church Ministries advocacy office in Washington DC. There, you will find nonpartisan resources that will help you study issues through the lens of your faith and conscience, as well as get information on how church communities may and may not legally be involved in this congressional election year.

Sandy Sorensen, director of the Justice and Local Church Ministry Washington DC office, advises that churches can legally "hold voter registration drives, take action for democracy protections, and generate voter mobilization as we near midterms — including rides to polls, getting folks registered, etc. It will also be critical in these divisive times to establish relationships with state and local elections officials to support fair elections...Urge legislators to pass democracy protections. Engage in media advocacy around voting rights in your community through op-eds, letters to the editor, social media and other outlets. Learn what your state legislature is doing to change election laws in your state."*

The UCC is a longtime supporter of the Poor People's Campaign, and its actions to ensure equal access to elections, including marches near the date of Juneteenth, which have taken place both on the ground in local cities and online in the past few years. Find out what the Poor People's Campaign has planned in your area, if you would like to connect with others interested in these issues.

*Holznagel, Hans. "National Ministries Eager to Work with Local Churches on Full 2022 Agenda." United Church of Christ accessed 4 Jan. 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/national-ministries-eager-to-work-with-local-churches-on-full-2022-agenda/>.