



no place



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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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 “Prayer” from Suite Gothique – Léon Böellmann

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

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

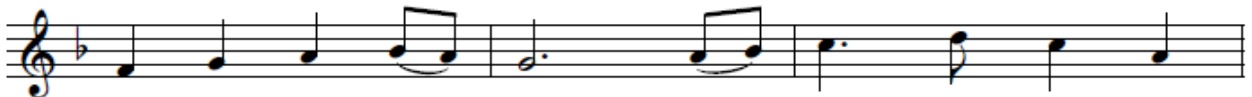
“All Are Welcome”

Marty Haugen, b. 1950

TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain
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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God’s chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the
 give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,
 Rock of faith - and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this
 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:
 all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, giver of grace, you understand us. We want big, loud signs. You speak indirectly. A still small voice.

We are impatient. Easily Frustrated. Quick to anger. Wanting to reign fire down on those we consider enemies. And those who inconvenience us.

We give thanks that you are patient, slow to anger, and understanding. You forgive us and remember our sin no more. Help us become more like you. Gift us with the mind of Christ. May your Spirit intercede for us and guide us along life's paths. This we pray in your many holy names. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Nocturne" -arr. Dennis Alexander Colin Bixler & Grant Bixler, piano
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -arr. Marilyn Carlson Maggie Bixler, violin

SCRIPTURES Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (N.T. pg. 179) Liturgist
Luke 9:51-62 (N.T. pg.66)

MESSAGE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD 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.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "No Place" Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

HYMN "The Servant Song"

Richard Gillard ©1977 by Scripture In Song (a div. of Integrity Music, Inc.)

THE SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.



- ▶ 1. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;
- ▶ 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; We're to - geth - er on this road.
- 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time of your fear;
- ▶ 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.



Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant too.
We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.

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: Loving God, you who have no place to lay your head. The foxes have their dens. The birds of the air have their nests. May what we offer make a home for you and for our neighbor.

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.

*Dedication

Our hearts are restless, until they rest in you. We dedicate these gifts to that four-letter word that so many are looking for. The word that you provide, and where we are truly loved; not in spite of who we are but because of who we are. Home. We dedicate these gifts so that our neighbors may find home. In you and in our community. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

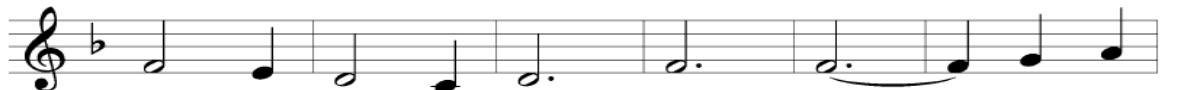
"The Summons" (vs. 1, 2 & 5)



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't
call your name? Will you care for cruel and
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know And nev - er be the same? Will you
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
free And nev - er be the same? Will you
side And nev - er be the same? Will you
you And nev - er be the same. In your



let my love be shown, Will you let my
risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
kiss the lep - er clean And do such as
use the faith you've found To re - shape the
com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and



name be known, Will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown In you and you in me?
 prayer In you and you in me?
 mean In you and you in me?
 sound In you and you in me?
 grow In you and you in me.

John L. Bell & Graham Maule;
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KELVINGROVE 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.
 Scottish trad.; arr. John L. Bell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Leader: May you go out and stand on your mountain in the presence of the Lord,
 People: **For the Lord is about to pass by.**
 Leader: Do not let the wind distract you.
 People: **We shall hold our focus.**
 Leader: Do not be shaken by the earthquake.
 People: **We shall not fear the fire.**
 Leader: But after all this,
 People: **May we hear the voice of our Still-Speaking God in the sheer silence.**
 Leader: The voice that blesses you in your zeal! Having been blessed to be a blessing, GO!
 For this service has ended.
 People: **And our service now begins. Amen!**

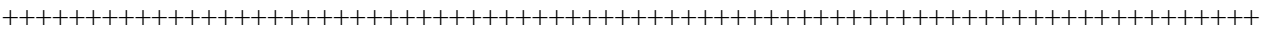
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be with You"

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 "Be Joyful in the Lord!" – Marc Jordan

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"



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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 26, 2022

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
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Live streaming of the Sanctuary service is available at www.uccmedina.org/live

June 26, 2022 thru July 3, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11:30 am	Pastor Luke's Doctoral Presentation
	11:30 am	Caring Team Meeting

Mon

Tues	7:00 pm	Book Discussion
		Trees: God's Hint to Humanity
	7:00 pm	Bible Study

Wed	10:30 am	Quilters
	11:00 am	Barbara Brockway Memorial Luncheon
	7:00 pm	Gathering Band Rehearsal

Thurs

Fri

Sat

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

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.

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

Scripture: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon: "No Place" - Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given by Ken & Sue Dean in honor of their 51st anniversary.

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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Come join the FUN and volunteer at the Saturday, July 16 Medina Festival on the Square! This is a way to be part of the festivities and show our UCC love for community. We will be having a craft activity along with the corn hole toss game. We are only asking for a two-hour commitment. Time slots available are from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Great way to hang out, bring a friend to volunteer. You may sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/UCCFest>. Have questions? Contact Sari Allen 330-725-2869 or sari.allen@zoominternet.net

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!

LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS 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!

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Check out the bulletin board in the East Room hallway to sign up to be a liturgist during the 10:30 Sanctuary service. The new sign-up sheets are up for July thru August.

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.

MUSICAL SUPPORT TEAM

The Worship Committee is in the process of forming a small group of volunteers who would be interested in reinstating a "Musical support team". This team would support the musical program at our church. Members would not need to have musical talent, simply an interest in supporting the music program at UCC Medina. If you are interested in learning more about this effort, please notify the church office at 330-725-4559.

THANK YOU!

The church would like to give special thanks to our Caring Team for the outstanding job they did serving lunches to the racers and the city volunteers on the day of the Great Race!

It was a busy day, and it was fun to meet the racers. Thank you to: Darlene Fazekas, Sandy Behler, Bonnie Shuman, Carol & John Sandora, Myra Fabian, Diane Howard, Becky Weber, Sari Allen, and Sue & Ken Dean. You all did a fantastic job!

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 26, 2022
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Open and Affirming Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Pick Up the Mantle

An elder and a younger man go on a journey. Finally, the elder says to the younger, "You have come far enough. The rest of the journey, I will make myself." The younger person persists, saying that he will continue to accompany the elder even if it is difficult. At last, the youngster has the honor of walking with the elder all the way to the end of his days. In so doing, the youngster receives a mantle that he can carry to the next generation.

On this Open and Affirming Sunday, we read the story of the elder prophet Elijah and his student Elisha. As we hear the story of this passing of the mantle, we pause to honor members of the LGBTQ community 65 years and older. If we are in that group of elders, how might we pass the mantle to the younger generation? And, if we are in a younger generation, how might we accompany our elders on the great journey that for all of us ends in being received into the arms of the Holy One?

There are at least two million lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people 65 and older in the U.S., and this population will double by the year 2030. Many LGBTQ seniors are isolated and lonely. Often subject to mistreatment in retirement communities and nursing homes, they need the resources churches can provide. The majority of these seniors have been alienated from organized religion for most of their lives: an Open and Affirming congregation can be a lifeline to community, understanding and respect.

An effective ministry for LGBTQ seniors is an opportunity for partnership with your LGBTQ community center and other welcoming churches and synagogues. If your church is the only LGBTQ-welcoming congregation in your community, and there is no LGBTQ community center, there are still likely to be LGBTQ seniors—most of them closeted—who can be reached if you publicly affirm your welcome.*

You can find resources and more ideas at openandaffirming.org

*"Seniors." *UCC Open and Affirming Coalition*, 27 Dec. 2020,

<https://openandaffirming.org/resources/seniors/>.