

JESUS TAKES A SELFIE



**The Cost and the Joy
Faces of Jesus
Pentecost**



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 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – Doris Akers./arr. Don Wyrzten

Cathy Fafrak, Pianist

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER 8.7.8.7.D.

Thomas J. Williams, 1890

Janie Alford, 1979; alt., © 1979 by Hope Publishing Co.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

***CREEDAL CONFESSION** United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

Leader: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

People: **You call the worlds into being, 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 to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

People: **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 forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

People: **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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Nocturne, Op. 55, No. 1" - Frederic Chopin Daniel Daubner, piano

SCRIPTURES Acts 2:1-13 (N.T. pg. 111) & Romans 8:14-17 (N.T. pg. 148) Deb Waldron, Liturgist

WELCOME AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Todd & Becky Bauer, Brad & Cindy Gould, Ken, Liz & Ryan Wolff

Congregation: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

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.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982, ©1982 The Hymn Society

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969, ©1989 Hope Publishing Co

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Christ to partake in the Holy Sacrament. All bread served is gluten free.

Invitation to the Table**The Words of Institution****Distribution of the Elements****Thanksgiving and Offering**

Leader: There's the church... drunk again. Help us remember that when you were with us, they called you a drunk and glutton for how you lavished out gifts to all people.

People: **Thank you Holy One. To you we rise in body or spirit and sing your praise**

***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** (From Acts 2:17-18)

Pour out your Spirit on all people. May our sons and daughters prophesy. May our young see visions. May our old dream dreams. Men and women, pour out your Spirit. Come, oh God, oh Christ, oh Spirit, and help us be one as you are. Now and forever more. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKEE C.M.

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.; St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

African-American melody, arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line and a bass line. The second system includes a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: You have called us Holy One, to be your beloved community.

People: **In covenant with you and one another to be about your mission.**

Leader: Of loving you with everything we have, and our neighbor as ourselves.

People: **Every. Single. Neighbor.**

Leader: Having learned about this good news,

People: **We accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family.**

Leader: Having be 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** "Hail Thee, Festival Day" – arr. David Cherwien Cathy Fafrak, Organist

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"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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How you can give to Medina UCC, Congregational

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!

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 5, 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 5, 2022 thru June 12, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun PENTECOST

New Members Join

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Men's Group

Mon Cook for Cups Café

6:30 pm Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting

Tues 7:00 pm Bible Study

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Gathering Band rehearsal

Thurs

Fri 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social on the Square

Sat 11:00 am Betty Palmquist Memorial Service

Sun TRINITY SUNDAY

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Men's Group

ICE CREAM SOCIAL HELP STILL NEEDED!

On Friday June 10th, our church will be hosting the Ice Cream Social on the square for the Friday Night Band Concert.

We still need the following items:

- **2 Pies. Please, no cream pies.**
- **Cookies/Brownies (pre-wrapped)**
- **People to clean-up**

If you are willing to donate any of these items or help, please contact Darlene Fazekas or call the church office at 330-725-4559. Baked goods need to be at the church by 3:00 pm on Friday June 10, 2022.

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

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 & Romans 8:14-17

Sermon: "The Cost and the Joy"
Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given by Jim Evans in loving memory of the birth and life of his son, Jon.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, June 5th

Strengthen the Church offering helps build up the UCC churches locally and nationwide. The money collected supports and develops leadership through education and conferences. The collection establishes new UCC churches, furthers youth ministry and helps existing churches innovate new ideas. By your generosity you build up the body of Christ.

NAME TAGS AND NEW FOLKS

As we invite new faces into our church family, please be sure to wear your name tag so we can get to know one another as we welcome, love, and serve.

If you need a new name tag, please let the church office know and we will make you one!

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. **We still have 2 open dates in June.**

SUMMER MAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

The Pilgrim Messenger will only be mailed every other week for the summer months beginning on June 12th and will run through August 7th. Regular mailings will begin on August 14th.

MEMORIES OF BARBARA BROCKWAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH - 11:00 A.M.

Please join us for a time of remembering Barbara Brockway. We will gather to recognize her accomplishments, sing hymns, and enjoy a catered meal. For the purpose of meal planning, **please RSVP to Ron Brockway at 330-802-7088 or Valerie Brockway at 330-419-2446.** Casual dress please.

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. The Mission Team is trying to do their due diligence to honor our beloved Dave Weber who advocated for this program for many years. Operation Homes was founded in 1994 by a coalition of churches to help people in our community facing housing insecurity. Operation Homes helps clients find and remain in affordable housing. The program helps clients develop skills and offers them resources to help them become successful. A client is expected to do a background check and work with a case manager throughout their stay in the program.

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!

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.

CHECK FRAUD & MEMBER GIVING NUMBERS

As some of you may have seen on the news, there is an increased occurrence of check fraud, where people are stealing envelopes and obtaining, cashing and replicating checks. Checks have your bank account routing number and account number printed right on the check. With this information anybody can create fraudulent checks and write them against your account. This is scary, as you will not find out until it is too late, and the bank will not refund your money. I urge you to consider using Realm for your monetary gifts and giving vs. writing checks. Realm is far more secure, timely and 100% accurate. If you do chose to give via checks or cash, please ensure you place your member giving number on the check and/or envelope. This number ensures that your gift is recorded in your member account.

Please give me a call or stop by the office if you have any questions.

Jeffrey T. Miller, Director of Finance

TIME TO CELEBRATE YOU!

50 + YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!

If you've been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save

***Saturday, October 8, 2022
From 11:30 am to 2:00 pm***

for a celebration luncheon. Invitations will be mailed out early in September.

If you haven't yet been here for 50 years and want to help with the luncheon, put this date on your calendar and contact the church office or Sue Dean @ 330-952-1840.

Trees: God's Hint to Humanity

A book discussion on June 22, 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.

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 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday
Strengthen the Church Offering

Acts 2:1-21

Gathered and Scattered

The church year begins with Advent - the four weeks before Christmas. Then there is a short season of Christmastide, followed by Epiphany. Lent is the next season of the church year, which culminates in Holy Week and Easter. Eastertide, the season that follows Easter ends with Pentecost, which is today. After this, the church is in the long season known as Ordinary Time that lasts until Advent begins again in midwinter.

In thinking of the church year, for many churches, Easter is the high point of the year. With its majestic music, resurrection message, shiny new dresses and egg hunts, it can feel like it's all downhill from there. Pentecost can be easy to miss, just a stop on the way to the long stretch of ordinary time. But what if we framed it in a new way? What if Pentecost day - TODAY - was not a steppingstone but the culmination of all that we have been preparing for and the beginning of a new adventure?

On the first Pentecost Day, the disciples, mourning the perceived loss of Jesus and the life they had known with him, were ready to give up. Then the Spirit arrived! When they felt the Spirit's presence, they were infused with new energy. New gifts flowed from them, giving them the power to speak to their neighbors of all languages. Even Peter, who had barely been able to put a sentence together until now, suddenly preached with flowing eloquence. The church received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, and everyone paid attention.

Like the disciples, we, in these post-pandemic days, are mourning what we have lost and are trying to adjust to the new normal of the lives we have now. Now, more than ever, let us receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, more than ever, let us perceive how that Spirit is already at work, empowering the gifts of our congregation. Now, more than ever, let us speak in the languages that those around us need to hear - a message of salvation and love that only we can tell.

Today, many churches receive The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.