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- *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 “Andante tranquillo (from 3rd Sonata for Organ)” - Mendelssohn 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

“Bring Many Names”

Brian Wren, 1989; ©1989 Hope Publishing Company

WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
Carlton Young, 1989

Unison

1	Bring man - y names,	beau - ti - ful and good,	cel - e - brate, in
2	Strong moth - er God,	work - ing night and day,	plan - ning all the
3	Warm fa - ther God,	hug - ging ev - ery child,	feel - ing all the
4	Old, ach - ing God,	grey with end - less care,	calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!



5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
on the move,
say - ing no to false - hood and
un - kind - ness,
cry - ing out for jus - tice,
giv - ing all you have:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
clos - er yet than breath - ing,
ev - er - last - ing home:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
great, liv - ing God!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Storyteller, we ask you direct questions,

People: You tell us about a dude in a ditch.

Leader: We wonder what heaven is like, since you have knowledge of it,

People: You tell us it's like a hidden treasure in a field.

Leader: We demand to know who our neighbor is

People: It's our enemy, pulling us out of the ditch, and paying for our recovery.

Leader: Dig out our ears and help us listen to you in this worship.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Power of the Cross" – arr. Larry Shackley

Nancy Ratz, piano

SCRIPTURES Luke 10:25-37 (N.T. pg. 67)

Pete Metzloff, Liturgist

MESSAGE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD

Pastor Luke

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "Parables"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

HYMN "They Asked, 'Who's My Neighbor?'"

NEIGHBOR 11.8.11.8.8.
Jan Wesson, 1981

Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.; ©1982 The Hymn Society

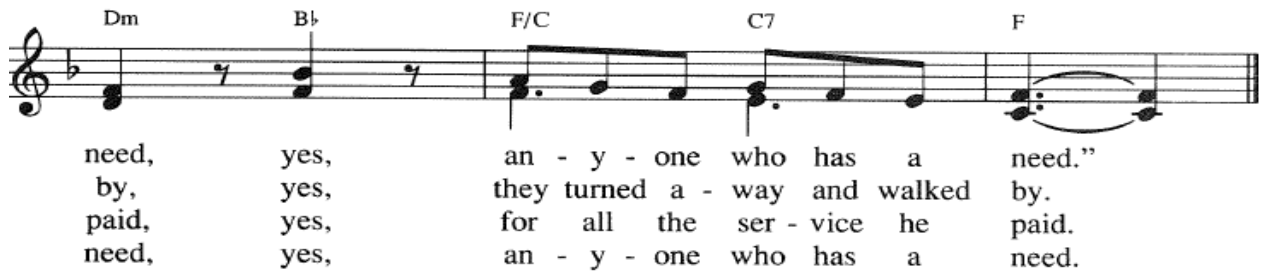
Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

Chords: F, Dm, Am, Gm, F/C, Dm, C, C7, F, C, F, Am, Gm/Bb, F/C, C7



need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

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: We bring our gifts out of the abundance we have received to benefit our neighbor and bless 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.

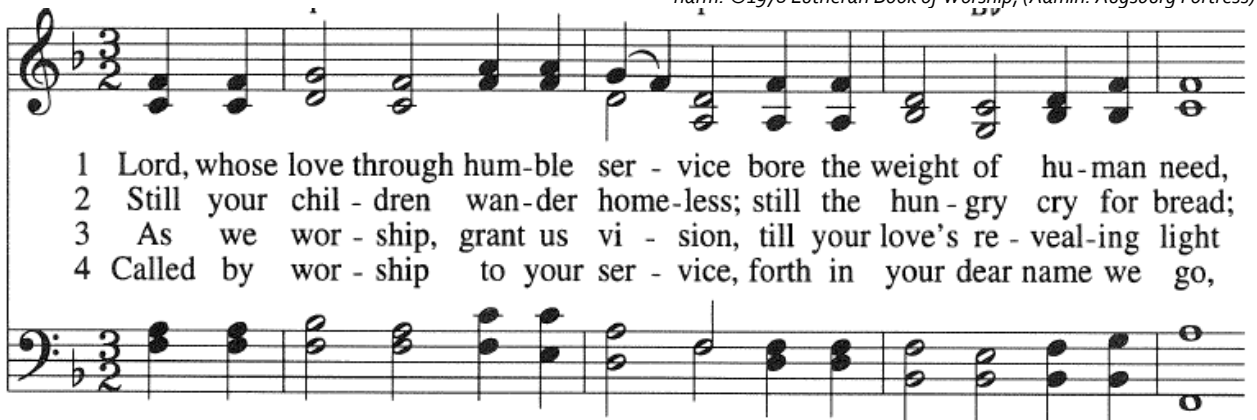
***Dedication**

May this be our two denarii given to you, Innkeeper of us all. Look after our neighbor. And when we return, we will reimburse you for any extra expense. Help us in our time, talent, and treasure, be a good neighbor and have mercy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.

Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), ©1961 Oxford University Press Attr. B.F. White (1800-1879); *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson (1927-) harm. ©1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, (Admin. Augsburg Fortress)



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

- Leader: Be filled with all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- People: Bear fruit in every good work as you grow in the knowledge of God.**
- Leader: Be strong in God's and give thanks to the One who has given you a share in the kingdom, the power, and the glory. 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 "Mighty Maker of All" – Rachel Sawyer**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JULY 10, 2022

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

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July 10, 2022 thru July 17, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Mon

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

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

Thurs

Fri 1:00 pm **Church Office Closed**

Sat 9:00 am Medina Fest on the square
10:00 am Assemble Clean up Buckets

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

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.

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

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "Parables" - Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given by Diane Howard in memory of Brian Howard.

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.

YOU CAN STILL SPONSOR A BIBLE!

To show our gratefulness for the inspired word, the Endowment Fund, the Worship Team and the Caring Team have been sponsoring an initiative to replace the Bibles in the pews, many of which were torn, faded and damaged. We are seeking a \$25.00 donation for each bible. \$5.00 of that amount will be allocated to the Endowment Fund. We still have about 76 bibles left to be sponsored. **If you would like to make your donation in honor of someone and have the names printed in the front of the bible, you may do that** by filling in the sign-up sheet in the East Room hallway or use the REALM app and go to "Registration Events" and fill in the information and pay there. What better way to celebrate someone by making a gift of \$25.00 to lift up the living word. Won't you make your donation this week?

You can also [click here](#) to sponsor your bible.

AED & CPR TRAINING

The church is offering AED & CPR training for anyone who wants to be trained.

The staff will be updating their certificates and be recertified in CPR & on the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine. When you become certified, you need to recertify every 2 years to stay current.

**Final Testing for training will take place
on Wednesday, August 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
You must attend in person for this test.**

The training itself, will be just like the last time. You will need to complete your training online along with a test, prior to the final in person testing on the 24th. **Anyone interested in being trained in these areas should contact Cindy in the church office.** There is no cost for members to take this class and we urge anyone in a volunteer position to consider the class (Ushers, Team Leaders, Committee Leaders, Volunteers with the youth, Choir members, etc.). Once we have everyone signed up, we will be sending out a link to take your online class.

Space is limited, so don't delay! Because we will need time to do the online testing first, **the deadline for signing up for this class will be Friday, July 29th.**

FROM THE PASTOR:

Hey Church!

I hope all is well with you and your families. I pray you've found some rest. The talking heads are saying that this is the busiest summer we've had in three years. All the things we couldn't do or were too cautious to do have come around this summer.

Remember: Sabbath is a command. Find a day to rest and just be. We are human beings not human doings.

That said, I'll try to follow my own advice. I'll be out for two Sundays. On July 17th, you'll have former moderator Julie Gilliland talking on her recent Civil Rights Pilgrimage she took with the Living Water Association. On July 24th, you'll have Ryan Collins talking about becoming a WISE Church and why mental health awareness is needed. I'm really excited for y'all to hear and experience these worship services and the wisdom from these kind souls.

This summer we've had two concurrent searches. The search for the Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission as well as our Music Director both seem to be in the end stages. The search teams will report when they can, but I think you'll be really excited about these two candidates. These candidates bring a lot of energy and new ideas. I believe they are both an investment in the future of this church and will make us better together.

We also had two new groups start up. We had the Accessible to All (A2A) and the aforementioned WISE teams start up. The A2A team is led by Hannah Magrum and consists of Jen Cockrell, Emily Fargo, Cheri Ingraham, and Ryan Routh. The WISE team is led by Ann Nagy and consists of Ryan Collins, Nicole Davis, Barb Michal, Kevin Swantek, and Stephanie Young. They are doing important work to make sure our church is as welcoming, loving, and serving as possible. Please add these souls to your prayers.

Our Council and teams have been hard at work this summer as well. We've had some great memorials, served the Great Race and won best lunch location. We have worshipped, fellowshipped, and have been the church. I have a lot of hope and feel that our future is bright thanks to your commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ here in Medina and beyond.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Luke

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

July 10, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:25-37

Caring Neighbors

Today's scripture is the story of the Good Samaritan. Listen to the story in the words of those who experienced it:

The Religious Official speaks

I always believed there are two kinds of people in the world - good ones and, well, not-good ones. I, of course, have been blessed by birth and by training to be one of the good ones. I help when I can, but I tell myself that you can't help them all. And so that day, I rushed right by that person lying beaten on the side of the road, as I had rushed so many times before. In my rush to get where I was going and do the "good" thing I had planned; I think I missed a chance. I can't stop thinking of him and wondering if there was something more I could have done, wondering if "you can't help them all" is just a justification to not help anyone. Since that day, I've been thinking that maybe the world is not so easy to divide into good people and bad ones.

The Man Beaten by Robbers speaks

I always knew that there are two kinds of people in this world - those who suffer and those who make others suffer. Until that day, I made sure that I was the one who made others suffer, so they couldn't hurt me. Everyone feared my fists, and that's why they hired me to walk that dangerous road. But that day, I let down my guard for a moment, and others found me, and beat me. I thought I would die there, but instead I felt a cool cloth on my head, a gentle hand to bandage my wounds. Since that day, I've wondered if maybe the world is not so easy to divide into assailants and victims. The person who picked me up and helped me that day had no reason to help, he just did. Maybe the world isn't all about avoiding suffering or inflicting it. Maybe there is another way to live - healing and helping - that I hadn't noticed before.

The Samaritan speaks

Look, there are two kinds of people in this world. The right ones, like me, who know that God dwells on the holy mountain and the wrong ones, like him, who think God lives in a box in the city. When I saw him lying by the side of the road that day, I knew that he was one of the wrong ones. But in that moment, I also saw his pain was just like mine would have been. I saw that his blood was red just as mine is. And for some reason, I couldn't walk away. Since that day, I've wondered if maybe God could be both in my mountain and in their city. Maybe the world is not so easily divided into us and them.