

DIVISION



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“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 “Petite Prelude, Op. 43, No. 1” – Reinhold Glière /arr. David Sarandon 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

“God of Love, We’ve Known Division”

BEACH SPRING, attr. B.F. White;

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1. God of love, we've known di - vi - sion and we've seen its aw-ful cost.
2. Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us— fear that drives us far a - part,
3. May we all, in con-ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis-ten well.
4. You have chal-lenged us to good-ness; you have shown a kind-er way.

We have strug-gled as a na-tion, and there's much that we have lost.
 greed that leads to great in-jus-tice, ra-cist ways that break your heart.
 May we hear, a-cross this na-tion, sto-ries oth-ers have to tell.
 It's your love that now in-spires us as we seek a bet-ter day.

We have been a house di-vi-ded—and, di-vi-ded, we can't stand.
 May we seek what brings to-ge-ther—hearts that bear each oth-er's pain,
 May we learn from oth-er cul-tures and be blessed by their world-view;
 May we end our harsh di-vi-sion; may we stop the hate and fear.

May our na-tion be u-ni-ted; give us peace through-out this land.
 care and mer-cy toward our neigh-bors, love that wel-comes stran-gers in.
 May we serve with one a-noth-er—lov-ing oth-ers, lov-ing you.
 Make us one, Lord, as a na-tion; may we be u-ni-ted here.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, we already have more than enough division on earth.

People: **We don't need any more.**

Leader: We are divided socially, racially, economically,

People: **Politically, religiously, in the workplace, in our schools.**

Leader: Help us interpret what you're saying to us today.

People: **How growth comes from the result of division**

(response continues on next page)

Leader: at the cellular level

People: **And beyond.**

Leader: Help us see the division you're talking about

People: **As growth for us.**

Leader: Thanks be to you, our Christ, our Spirit,

People: **One God forever and ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Gives Us More Grace"

Pete Metzloff, voice

Lyrics by Annie Flint (1866-1932), music by Timothy L. Berman (2016), © 2016 John M. Parsons & Timothy L. Berman

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:49-56 (N.T. pg. 71)

Deb Waldron, Liturgist

MESSAGE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD

Stacie Yates

Graduation Recognition

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

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM Lindsay English

As our newest member joins us today, when prompted we respond:

We promise our love, our support and our care.

SERMON "Division"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

***HYMN** "I Come with Joy"

*Brian Wren, 1968
Words © 1971, 1995 Hope Publishing Company*

DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.6.
*American melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace
©1977 Hope Publishing Company*

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that



loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Luke 12:34 informs us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God's abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

*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

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.

Henry T. Smart, 1836

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.



1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,



loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;



Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,



to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.



***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION** (inspired from Hebrews 12:1-2)

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: That we cling to because we have falsely put identity in it,

People: And not in you, our Creator and Ground of Our Being.

Leader: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfect of faith,

People: Who set aside all identity on the cross, disregarding its shame,

Leader: blesses you to be a blessing.

People: We will go and tend the fire Christ has started.

Leader: 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 "Voluntary in G" -Henry Heron/ed. C.H. Trevor**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

AUGUST 7, 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

August 7, 2022 thru August 14, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am Mission Team Meeting
4:30 pm Men's Group

Mon

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

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY!

Our church has the honor of hosting the **Ordination of Leila Jindra** on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend and mark the date on your calendar! Details to follow soon.

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

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: "Division"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given by Deb Waldron in honor of Betty Zarney's 100th birthday.

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 are still in need of liturgists for August & September.

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.

YES! WE DO HAVE A LIBRARY!

Recently, Pastor Luke made a video and posted it to Facebook, regarding our church library. We have a library off the Welcome Area in the new section of the church. The library has been recently cleaned up and many new books have been added to our collection! You are welcome to borrow any of these books any time you would like! Simply sign your name and write down the book you are borrowing, and that is all there is to it! Just a side note... Pastor Luke uses many of these books when preparing for sermons. "The Orthodox Heretic" is one he referenced in last week's sermon. Check it out!

COOKING FOR CUPS CAFÉ

Thank you, Maureen Walker, for cooking for June and Dan and Vicki Marty for cooking for July. Cups has a new director, Cindy Maxwell. There is an open house at Cups on August 21st from 1:00 to 4:00 if any of you would like to stop by.

Here's the schedule for the coming months:

Tuesday, September 6th – Dan Daubner

Monday, October 3rd – Open

Monday, November 7th – Open

Monday, December 5th - Open

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. The church will reimburse you if you bring in your receipts.

If you would like to cook for one of the open days or need help getting the food to Cups Café on the drop off date, contact Dan Daubner.

welcome baby

We welcome the newest addition to our church family! Charlotte Louise Grandinetti was born on July 22nd. Congratulations to the proud parents, Lydia & Louis, and big sister, Lilliana.

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.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

Lindsay English will be baptized and received into full membership today at the 10:30 service. Here's a little bit about her:



She was born in Lake Forest, IL and lived there until she was 14. Her mother remarried and she became a "Navy brat", living at Subic Bay/Cubi Point in the Philippines and then at Patuxent River, MD. Her family ended up in Ohio where her aunt and additional family lived. She's been a resident of Medina

County since 1978 and has lived in the City of Medina for 22 years. Lindsay was a Compensation Analyst at American Greetings for 20 years and moved on to working from home, online, as a social Editor/Moderator. A widow with no children, she's always had a dog and her current dog is Charlie, a shih-poo. She's interested in helping others through UCC. Congratulations and welcome, Lindsay!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now for
the 15th annual

ALIVE ON THE SQUARE

Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH @ 10:00 a.m.

Plan to join us and bring your family and friends! All are welcome!

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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Living into the Promise

Rev. Ann Kansfield, UCC pastor, FDNY chaplain and author of *Be the Brave One: Living Your Spiritual Values Out Loud and Other Life Lessons* shares the courage that led her to write a book about her experiences.

"My wife Jennifer and I serve part-time as co-pastors of the Greenpoint Reformed Church, (a joint UCC and Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, NY). We do our best to love God and neighbor, even though we aren't always sure how to do that.

My other ministry setting is as a chaplain for the fire department of the City of New York. I am one of seven chaplains who serve the department as a whole. I never know what might happen on any given day, but I pray that God can use me in a way to be of service to others. Also, the uniforms are pretty great."

Although friends encouraged her to share her stories and reflections, Kansfield shied away from the idea of writing a book. "One of the things that really changed the trajectory of the book was connecting with Marty St. George, my co-author...He is really the one who helped take a bunch of stories and thoughts and turn them into a book. I think it's actually a really great story in itself because it shows that sometimes we can do big things when we have friends and fellow travelers who walk alongside us and help us. Sometimes we minister to others and other times they minister to us. Life is really best lived when it's done in mutual ministry with others around us.

For me, bravery is doing things which make us uncomfortable, things which we would rather not do or avoid. And being brave is what allows us to be authentic and vulnerable and have important conversations which we would otherwise want to avoid. Bravery is not just about apologizing for our mistakes but asking 'how did my mistake impact you?' and then being quiet and listening.

We can all use some extra bravery these days. It's not always easy to be our most authentic selves. It's certainly difficult to be vulnerable and to share our deepest hopes and fears and listen to the hopes and fears of others. That stuff can be terrifying! But that's the space where God often leads us - to authenticity, vulnerability and bravery."