

Holier than  
THOU

 **COMMUNION  
OF SINNERS**



# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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- During the service, Jesus Vibes Sunday School is available for ages 3-8<sup>th</sup> 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** “Run to the Father” – by Cody Carnes, Ran Jackson & Matt Maher Gathering Band

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### 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

### “Here I Am to Worship”

*Tim Hughes*

*CCLI Song # 32666032 © 2000 Thankyou Music*

### VERSES



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -  
 2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

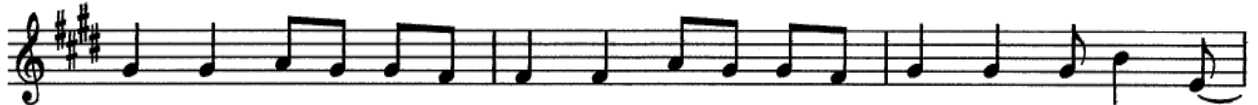


— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You,  
 - bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

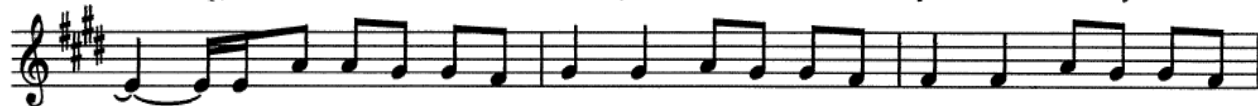


hope of a life spent with — You. — So, here I am to  
 all for love's sake be - came — poor. —

CHORUS



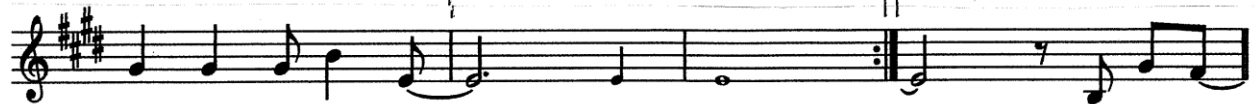
wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.



And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

Last time to Coda  $\Phi$  1.

2.



won - der - ful to me.

And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

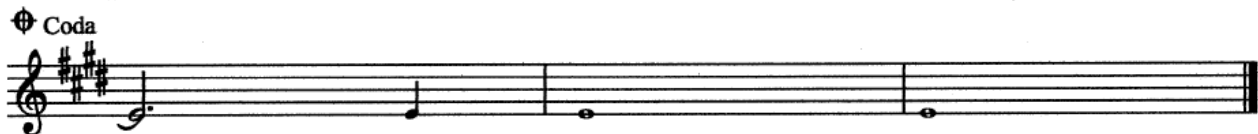


- er know - how much - it cost - to see - my sin - up - on -



- that cross. - And I'll nev - that cross. -

So, here I am to



\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 14:7-9)

Leader: Although our sins testify against us,

People: **do something, LORD, for the sake of your name.**

Leader: For we have often rebelled;

People: **we have sinned against you.**

Leader: You who are the hope of Israel,

People: **its Savior in times of distress,**

Leader: why are you like a stranger in the land,

People: **like a traveler who stays only a night?**

Leader: Why are you like a man taken by surprise,

People: **like a warrior powerless to save?**

Leader: You are among us, LORD,

People: **and we bear your name; do not forsake us!**

**ANTHEM** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" – Kathryn S. Bonner Chancel Choir  
*Jennifer Vilimonovic, violin*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 18:9-14 (N.T. pg. 76) Brad Rice, Liturgist

**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** "Communion of Sinners: Holier Than Thou" Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Fix Me" – traditional, arranged by Mervyn Warren  
*Jennifer Cochran, voice, George Lee, bass, Cathy Fafrak, piano*

### 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 (Joel 2:23)

Leader: Be glad, people of Zion,

**People: rejoice in the LORD your God,**

Leader: for God has given you the autumn rains

**People: because God is faithful.**

Leader: God sends you abundant showers,

**People: both autumn and spring rains, as before.**

#### \*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

God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us — we humbly share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go of plenty and learning need. Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

#### "Shout to the Lord"



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your  
might - y love. My com-fort, my shel-ter,  
tow-er of ref - uge and strength, let ev-ery breath,  
all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.  
Moun-tains bow down, and the seas will roar at the  
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work  
of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev -  
er I'll stand. Noth-ing com - pares to the prom -  
ise I have in you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: God, we have put your people to shame. We have shamed people because of color, age, size, gender identity, sexual orientation, sensory difference, cognitive difference, life choices influenced by faith, politics, mobility, memory, mental illness diagnoses.

People: **God, we have not been ashamed of shaming your children, but we have often been decided we know your preferences and been ashamed of ourselves. That too is sin. Like locusts we have turned against ourselves and cut off life. We ask, O Holy One, for your forgiveness. Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION (by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

Leader: So now we leave this space of worship and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,

People: **the path constantly changing,**

Leader: we know some things that are as solid and sure

People: **as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads.**

Leader: We know God is love.

People: **We know Christ's light endures.**

Leader: We know the Holy Spirit is there,

People: **found in the space between all things,**

Leader: closer to us than our next breath,

People: **binding us to each other, until we meet again,**

Leader: Go in peace.

People: **Go in Peace.**

### \*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

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Gathering Band

Andrew Threlkeld, Billy Smiley, Joseph & Maggie Amini

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## "MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 23, 2022

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

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**October 23, 2022 thru October 30, 2022**

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

11:00 am Chili Cook Off

**Mon** 6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm **Book Study “Blessed  
Are the Crazy”**

**Tues** 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Gathering Band rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

**Thurs** 7:00 pm **Congregational Council**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**Sun ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY**

**Service of Remembrance**

8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
9:45 am Children’s & Youth Choir  
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 pm All-Church Hayride

## **BOOK STUDY CONTINUES “BLESSED ARE THE CRAZY”**

Are you interested in conversations about mental health? The mental health WISE team is hosting a book study lead by Ryan Collins on "Blessed are the Crazy" by the national UCC’s Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund. We will continue to meet every Monday night at 7 pm through Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. A date for a Q&A session with Rev. Lund via Zoom has yet to be determined. You can purchase this book online or get an electronic copy through the library. Please RSVP at [ryan@uccmedina.org](mailto:ryan@uccmedina.org) or with the office (330) 725-4559.

**Worship Highlights: 10am ONE SERVICE ONLY!**

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: “Communion of Sinners:  
Holier Than Thou”  
Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table:** The flowers are given by Carol & John Sandora in honor of their anniversary

## **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**October 30, 2022**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

On this Sunday we will remember those persons who have passed away this past year. By having the time of remembrance during a worship service, we encourage family members and others to come and share this time together. During the worship service, the names of the members of Medina UCC who have passed away during 2022 will be read. For each member a candle will be lit and a chime will ring. We would also like to read the names of family members and loved ones who have passed away during this past year. **If you have a loved one that you would like remembered, please call the Church Office no later than tomorrow, October 24<sup>th</sup> with the full name of the loved one, their relationship to you, and the date of their passing.**

## **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 still have spots remaining in October & November.



## **THE GREAT CANDY BAR CONTEST**

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The Mission Team is collecting FULL SIZE candy bars that will be used for Christmas care packages to be provided to people incarcerated in the Medina County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. Sue Jarvis, the chaplain at the jail, has requested FULL SIZE Snickers, Three Musketeers, and Milky Way bars. Our goal is to collect a total of 300 bars, and whichever candy bar we receive the most of, the congregation will get a fun-size version of the week after the contest ends. There will be containers to turn your candy bars in to beginning Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> thru November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **VOLUNTEER WITH VIBES**

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Jesus Vibes needs your help! We are looking for adult volunteers to spend time with kids during the 10:30 service on Sundays. No experience or preparation is necessary!

Please sign up for a Sunday or two at

<https://tinyurl.com/vibesvolunteer>

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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On November 7<sup>th</sup> the Monday Night Women's Bible Group will begin a new study by Nancy Guthrie called "Saints & Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus." For more information or to join in the study, please contact Carol Rhodes at 330-722-1626 or [rhodesc@zoominternet.net](mailto:rhodesc@zoominternet.net). There is a small fee for the workbook.

## **VETERANS DAY**

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Please join the Mission Team in honoring the Veterans of our church. Take a card from the table in the lobby across from the elevator to write a quick note of thanks to a veteran. Please return the completed card to the basket provided. We will distribute the cards and celebrate our veterans during the November 6<sup>th</sup> coffee hour. Please join us in thanking the veterans of our church for their service! If you are a veteran or know of a veteran that you would like to send a card to, please sign-up at the table across from the elevator.

## **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

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Attention youth in third grade and up. Would you like to be a part of the 10:30 church service and learn how to acolyte? A training session will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. If you have any questions, contact Stacie Yates.

## **MEDINA UCC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

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We are excited to bring back a live performance this year on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>! Practices will take place immediately following the 10:30 worship service on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and last about 30 minutes. We will also have a dress rehearsal with pizza on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/youthchristmaspageant> by Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> if your preschool – 7<sup>th</sup> grade youth plan to participate.

## **JAZZY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

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The Music & Performing Arts Ensembles will be hosting a Bake & Craft Sale on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the night of our "Jazzy Christmas" Concert. The concert will feature the Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Jennifer Cochran & Gateway Band. The sale will be held pre-concert and at intermission. The whole evening will end with Santa who will invite us to bundle up and enjoy hot chocolate, donuts, and Christmas Caroling around the square! **All proceeds from the concert and sale will go to support the music and future performing arts events at Medina UCC, Congregational! So please offer your talents of baking and crafting!**

## **GARFIELD SEEKING TUTORS**

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Mrs. McGinty has come to us with a request to help fill a need at Garfield Elementary for volunteer tutors. If you or your responsible teens are interested in working with kindergarteners on letters and sounds for ½ hour weekly, please contact Katy Medley at 330-591-7485 or [kathrynamedley@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynamedley@gmail.com).

## **HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT RICHARDSON FARMS – Sunday 10/30**

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One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. The cost for the evening is \$10 for ages 4-5, \$11 for ages 6-15 and \$12 for adults. Ages 3 and under are free. This includes the hayride, a pumpkin, apple cider and apples. We will also have hotdogs, chips and s'mores to enjoy. **You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance.** We encourage everyone to sign up and pay through [Realm by clicking here](#). You can also call the church office and put the payment in Stacie Yates mailbox in the church office. Make checks payable to Medina UCC and put "hayride" in the memo. Hope to see you there!

## **MUSIC LESSONS & ACTING CLASSES**

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Jennifer Cochran, our new Music Director who holds a master's in music and a secondary degree in theatre from CIM/Case Western, is offering both voice and flute lessons for musicians ages 14 to adult. She will also be working to organize a theater group class for youth and/or adults that are interested. These lessons & classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00-7:00 pm at the church, based on interested participants. Lessons will take place in the Chapel, and the theater class(es) will be in a church space to be determined. Fees are as follows:

Music lessons: \$25 per each individual half hour lesson / \$40 for an hour lesson

Theater Acting Classes: \$20 per each 1-hour group class

Full term fees will be expected at the time of your first lesson/class.

Term I: begins the week of 10/25 and runs through 12/8 (no classes the week of Thanksgiving)

Term II: will begin Tuesday, 1/10/2023

Please contact Jennifer at [jenny@uccmedina.org](mailto:jenny@uccmedina.org) with questions and/or to schedule.

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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](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)**

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

Luke 18:9-14

## Just Worship

In the summer of 2022, The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ continued its innovative program of summer internships. This information, detailing the program, is taken from their website.\*

The Pension Board sought out the brightest students from some of the best colleges in New York to participate in the Pension Boards' 10-week Summer Internship Program, which begins in June of each year.

The Pension Boards looked for visionary young leaders with an ability to inspire others to innovation through strategic assignments designed to take the Pension Boards to its next level in service to its members. Selected students were empowered to lead with vision and creativity, challenging the organization's "norm," while also creating new direction for the organization. They were encouraged to inspire, create, and innovate.

Selected interns offered strategic insight and ideas to inform the Pension Boards' future strategic plans and programs in the core areas of analytics, finance, program analyst, health plan analyst, information technology, financial audit, investments, marketing/communications, customer engagement, customer experience, and philanthropy/fundraising.

At the conclusion of the 10-week internship program, students were able to present their visionary ideas and assessments to the Pension Boards' Executive Team.

"We believe this program will help foster creative and valuable input for the Pension Boards that will not only fuel and shape our strategic objectives, but further enhance our services for United Church of Christ members..." said Brian R. Bodager, President and CEO of the Pension Boards.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in next summer's internship opportunity, check out the Pension Board website for more information.

\* <https://www.pbucc.org/internship-program>