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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 “A Balm in Gilead” – arr. Fred Bock

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

“We Gather in Worship”

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1. We gath-er in wor-ship, in prayer and in praise; The
 2. We gath-er that jus-tice may roll like the streams, From
 3. We gath-er to - geth-er, the Bod - y of Christ; No



bread here we break and the cup now we raise, For
 all of our pris - ons, God’s mer - cy re - deems; A
 one is ex - clud - ed from Cal - va - ry’s price. No

Je - sus lives in us and loves us and saves! We
 home for the home-less, a strength for the weak, Good
 class, sex, nor stat - us, no creed, age nor race Is
 trust in this prom - ise and are not a - fraid.
 news for the poor and for all those who seek.
 out - side as - sur - ance of God's end - less grace.

Refrain

Here in hope, here in peace, ev-'ry - one has a part. Here in faith, here in
 grace, now we lift up our hearts. God's love is a riv-er that
 does not run dry; God's faith-ful-ness lifts like a full ris-ing tide.

Last time to coda ⊕

⊕ Coda
 tide. We gath - er in wor-ship, the Bod - y of Christ.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Access Sunday Worship Resource UCCDM)

Leader: We gather in the name of our God.

People: **The Disabled God, the God of Access, the God of Interdependence,
 the God whose Differences are Holy.**

Leader: How shall we worship this God?

People: **With sound and with silence, with raised hands and with stillness, with words
 spoken and unspoken, with deep thought and the inner movements of our souls.**

Leader: With every limit and ability of our bodies and minds, we will worship God.

People: **Praise be to God.**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "Communion of Sinners: Disability Isn't a Dirty Word"

Ryan Collins, Ministerial Intern

HYMN

"I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me"

HANDS ON ME Irr. With refrain

African American Spiritual

African American Spiritual, arr. Valeria A. Foster © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

Refrain

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me. Oh,
I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Verses

1. Did ev - er you see the like be - fore?
Je - sus preach - ing to the poor.
2. Oh, was - n't that a hap - py day
Je - sus washed my sins a - way?



I know the Lord has laid his hands on me, King
 I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
 I know the Lord has laid his hands on me, When
 I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

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

The sharing of our time, talents, and treasures helps our church to bring healing to the community in new and creative ways. Please give as you are willing and able.

**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 Access Sunday Worship Resource UCCDM)*

God of abundance, we believe that there is enough for all, so long as we share what we have. Bless our generosity with justice, access, and a community where all can bring their gifts to the table. In your holy name we pray: amen.

*CLOSING SONG

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Attr. To John Fawcett, 1773

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
*The European Magazine and Review, 1792;
 harm. from The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book, 1889, alt.*

1. Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless-ing; fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for thy gos - pel's



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of thy sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***CLOSING PRAYER** by Bekah Anderson

Leader: As we leave this place, let us celebrate the work we have done: the ramps that connect us, the elevators that uplift us, the conversations that help us know more deeply how God is present with us, reflected in a diversity of body and minds.

People: **God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

Leader: And we realize that there is always more to be done. Our physical access has not accounted for every body. Our communication access has not accounted for every mind. Our attitudes and theologies remain shaped by a culture that does not love disabled body and minds, and untangling those beliefs is the work of a lifetime.

People: **God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

Leader: We are not perfect. But we are not called to be perfect. We are called to love our neighbor, and to recognize when our attempts at love have gone astray. We are called to live deeply, fully, grounded in our own body and mind, and reaching out to the unique body and minds of those who share this life with us.

People: **God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in the continued work of access! Let us rejoice that there are more ways than we know to love one another! Let us be bold, creative, thoughtful, empathetic, and faithful. Let us rejoice, knowing there is yet more wisdom to learn on this journey of access.

People: **God, draw us closer to Access and Love.**

***BENEDICTION** (*from Access Sunday Worship Resource UCCDM*)

Leader: As you leave this space remember that everyone you encounter is made in the image of God. Embrace your own differences, celebrate the differences of others, and proclaim the Good News that God's love does not fit into a tiny box, but it is without boundary. It extends to all. Go in peace. And let all the people say,

People: **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** Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners" - Gordon Young

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*****Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service.
Coffee Hour is hosted this week by the Elijah Walker.**

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 9, 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

October 9, 2022 thru October 16, 2022

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:45 am	Children's & Youth Choir
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	11:30 am	Circle of Caring Meeting
	11:45 am	Caring Team Meeting
	11:45 am	Mission Team
	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Mon	7:00 pm	Book Study “Blessed Are the Crazy”
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Worship Team
Wed	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Gathering Band rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Discipleship & Education Team
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thurs		
Fri		
Sat		
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	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:45 am	Children's & Youth Choir
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	11:45 am	Caring Team
	4:30 pm	Men's Goup
	4:30 pm	Youth Group

CIRCLE OF CARING MEETING

We will have an informational meeting **today, October 9th after the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.** Come learn about Circle of Caring and how it serves our church membership and plans for the future.

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

Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: “Communion of Sinners:
Disability Isn't a Dirty Word”

Mr. Ryan Collins, Ministerial Intern

Communion Table: The flowers are given by Greg & Barb Shaffer in honor of their anniversary.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Remember to take a moment to thank your Pastor! The month of October is Pastor Appreciation time! **Thank you, Pastor Luke,** for your, caring, guidance, and leadership! Your church family appreciates all that you do for your church and community!

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. 24th. 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 or with the office (330) 725-4559.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Time is running out to sign up for the Chili Cook-Off, **Sunday, October 23rd in Fellowship Hall following one service at 10 am.** Bring your favorite Crock Pot of WARM chili enough for 10 servings. Spaces for the chili contestants are filling up. In addition to chili, hot dogs, walking tacos, desserts, and drinks will be provided. While the adults are judging the chili, the children will be creating some fall crafts with Stacie. Bring your family and friends, all are welcome. **Sign up to attend no later than Sunday, October 16th.** Cook and compete or just come to eat!

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 October 24th with the full name of the loved one, their relationship to you, and the date of their passing.**

GARFIELD SEEKING TUTORS

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.

VOLUNTEER WITH VIBES

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>

SONSHINE MEALS

Did you know we have a ministry that provides meals for members in need? If you're ill, expecting, or have fallen on hard times, please let us help! If you have a need, know of a need, or would like to help fulfill a need, please contact Becky at beckybauer@zoominternet.net

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.

VETERANS DAY

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 also be writing cards on October 16th during coffee hour and will distribute the cards and celebrate our veterans on during the November 6th 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Mark your calendars on October 16th we will have our Family Fall Pumpkin Carving Extravaganza! You will need a pumpkin to carve. Any size will do and as many as your family would like to carve. I wanted to give you a heads up so you have enough time to get those pumpkins 🎃 More details next week...

Blessings,
Nicole

HALLOWEEN PARTY! CALLING ALL TWENTY SOMETHINGS...

Pastor Meghan is inviting all twenty-somethings to gather for a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm in classrooms 9 and 10. Dress up if you would like to and bring a spooky snack to share. We will play party games and get to know one another!

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

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Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Planting Life

Jacob Nault is a member of the UCC Disabilities Ministries. On this Disabilities Awareness Week, he checks in about how music connects us to God, and how the church can do better in welcoming people with disabilities.

"The church where I am a member is the Congregational UCC of Neenah-Menasha, in Neenah, WI. My pastor is Rev. David Frey.

I started playing piano at age 5. As my cerebral palsy affects primarily the left side of my body, learning to play the piano with both hands was a challenge. I taught myself a workable method which involves playing piano with six fingers—one in use in my left hand. My right hand takes care of melody and bass clef "fill" notes. In high school, I had the opportunity to take private piano lessons with an experienced professor who helped me refine that technique.

I feel very supported and affirmed as a musician. Music connects people to God in several important ways. Hymn lyrics, for example, can help us cement our theology. The experience of sharing music together can help worship become more communal and engaging. If implemented well, music can help us connect to the full range of the human experience—uncontainable joy or raging lament. Sharing the full range of human emotion deepens our relationship with God.

The wider church perspective on disability needs work. For example, many churches are unable to prioritize full inclusion of disabled people because building modifications are cost-prohibitive or accommodating neurodiverse needs in worship spaces seem too difficult. We miss an opportunity when we are inclusive of other marginalized populations but do not put the same energy into drawing the circle wider to the disability community."

You can connect with Jacob Nault - Six-Fingered Pianist - on Facebook and Soundcloud to hear more of his wonderful music, including a new verse to Amazing Grace he wrote just for the UCC Disabilities Ministries.