

Addiction

a worship series on mental health





UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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- During the 10:30 service, Jesus Vibes Sunday School is available for ages 3-8th 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 “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” – arr. Edward Broughton

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!**

*OPENING HYMN

Negro Spiritual

“So Glad I’m Here”

George Lee, guest bassist

arr. Evelyn Simpson-Cureton, b. 1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

Vs. 3 Sing while I’m here... Vs. 4 Shout while I’m here...

1. So glad I'm here, So glad I'm here, Lord,
2. Pray* while I'm here, Pray while I'm here, Lord,

So glad I'm here in Je - sus' name. Lawd
Pray while I'm here in Je - sus' name. Lawd

So glad I'm here, Lord, So glad I'm here, Lord,
Pray while I'm here, Lord, Pray while I'm here, Lord,

So glad I'm here in Je - sus' name.
Pray while I'm here in Je - sus' name.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here to worship, but we have heard it said that if we are angry with anyone, we are subject to judgement.

Let us leave our gift for a moment and reconcile with our neighbor

Passing of the Peace

It is hard sometimes to reconcile.

So much feels out of our control.

Thank God for the wisdom of the Serenity prayer. Let us pray:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.

The courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Hear My Prayer" – Moses Hogan/arr. Roger Emerson

Chancel choir

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 49:1-7 (O.T. pg. 638)
Matthew 5:21-26 (N.T. pg. 4)

Pete Metzloff, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

SERMON

"Heavy Burdened: Addiction"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon
with Stephanie Robinson, Executive Director of Hope Recovery Community

HYMN

"Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether” vs. 1 & 3

UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7
Percy Dreamer, 1925; alt. Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

Unison



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly

2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of

3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,

Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,

ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al-le - lu - ia!

break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le - lu - ia!

we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al-le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

There is an offering plate if you feel led to deposit your envelope or an offering there.

You can also give through our Realm app or get the link to give by texting UCCMEDINA to 73256.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Offertory Invitation

For the words that have been offered. For what we have learned and what we are processing.

Let us rise in body or spirit and sing our doxology giving thanks to our God for our community and this conversation.

***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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Jesus, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing love; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery. Help us come alongside and care for them; keeping in mind our own boundaries and needs. May your grace and patience be ours and preserve us all in love and community. In your name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

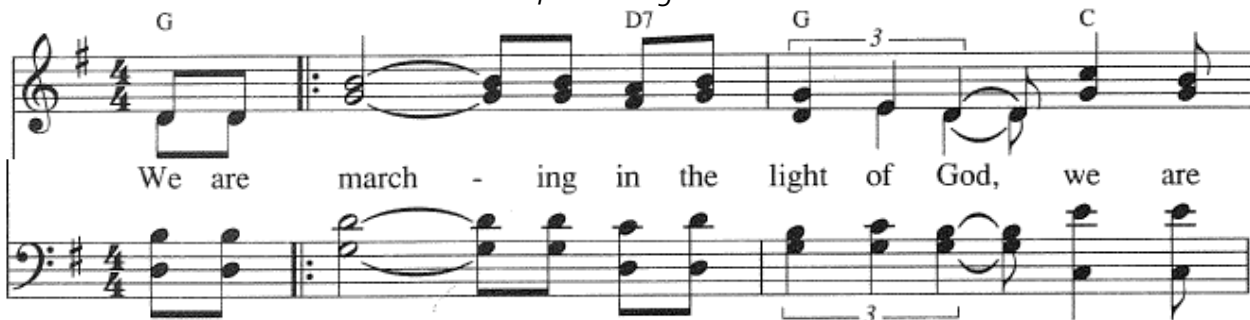
South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African folksong

Vs. 2 We are singing in the light of God...

Vs. 3 We are praying...

Vs. 4 *Choir sings*



1 D 3 G 2 D

march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

light of God. the light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are

march-ing, Oo, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May you walk in the light of the Lord,
Trusting our loved ones to carry our true selves.
 May you bear the peace of Christ;
To ourselves and to our neighbors.
 And may the Spirit guide you;
Wherever she may send us.
 May the Spirit guide you;
returning and rejoicing at what God has show us.
 You have been blessed to be a blessing, go! For this service has ended,
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** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” – arr. John Carter 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 Carole Fawcett & Fran Largen*

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

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JANUARY 15, 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

January 15, 2023 thru January 22, 2023

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun OPERATION HOMES

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:45 am Children's Choir
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
11:45 am Caring Team Meeting
4:30 pm Men's Group
4:30 pm Youth Group

Mon CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK DAY

Tues 12:00 pm Women's Book Club
2:00 pm Defense Against the Dark Arts
7:00 pm Defense Against the Dark Arts

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

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:45 am Children's Choir
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
Baptism of Charlotte Louise Grandinetti
11:30 am Senior High Summer Service
Trip Meeting
3:00 pm Confirmation Class

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 January, February & March.

Worship Highlights: 8:15 am & 10:30 am

Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7 & Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon: “Heavy Burdened: Addiction”

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

*With Stephanie Robinson, Executive Director of
Hope Recovery Community*

9:00 am “Expert”

Communion Table: The flowers are given by John & Joyce Drotos in honor of their 32nd anniversary.

WELCOME BAGS

The Evangelism Team would like to welcome first time visitors to our church! We're so glad you are here. Please be sure to grab a welcome bag before you leave which is our gift to you. The white handled welcome bags are located near the tower doors in the sanctuary, located near Fellowship Hall and in the East Room. Thank you for visiting Medina UCC today where we are welcoming, loving, and serving.

MLK SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITY

On Monday January 16th from 9am - 1pm, you are invited to join the Mission Team in a day of service at the Hope and Healing Survivor's Center here in Medina. You must register online here through [Signup Genius](#) in order to participate and receive the address. We will be assembling new furniture for Hope and Healing which is being purchased with an MLK Day Project Grant from ServeOhio. Pizza for lunch will be provided!

DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS

In this class, Pastors Luke and Meghan will instruct you one how to defend yourself against the Dark Arts of using scripture to support acts of homophobic cruelty. Join us as we practice reading the Bible with flexibility and curiosity together on Tuesdays at 2pm and 7pm. All youth and adults welcome!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Join is for our upcoming New Member classes! We believe anyone is welcome to gather with us, but there is something special about making a deeper commitment to contribute to what God is doing is and through Medina UCC – and these classes are a great place for us to cast this vision, hear your story, and help you take the next step to commit to calling UCC your church home.

The next New Member class will be on Monday, January 30th and February 6th at 7 pm in the new library. New members will join the church on Sunday, February 12th.

If you wish to participate, you may contact the church office at 330-725-4559 or register here through REALM.

DONATION OF THE MONTH

As we settle into the new year, the Mission Team would like to start a monthly household product donation. Many of the organizations we are starting to partner with need basic products like hand soap, paper towels, detergent, etc. Each month one of these items will be the “Donation of the Month.” The donation bin is by the Mission Team table across from the elevator when you enter the church. If you would like to donate an item, place it in the bin and the Mission Team will distribute the items to the organizations in need! Thank you! **The first item we will be collecting is paper towels.**

GREETING CARD TABLE

Circle of Caring still needs help for the months of April, July, October, November, and December. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Alice Metzloff at iamalsblugown@gmail.com or 330-242-3602.

SAVE THE DATE

IT'S BACK, so please mark your calendars as the Ladies and Girls Tea will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 12 – 2 pm. “All The Tea In China” will be the program presented by our own Vicki Miller. More information will be coming, and ticket sales will begin in April. Please direct questions to Beth Hari, Becky Weber, or Darlene Fazekas.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER SERVICE TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

If you are interested in participating in our trip to Back Bay Mission, July 9th-15th, please come to this informational session in the library **after worship on January 22nd**! This trip is for youth who are entering 9th grade in 2023, and older. We also need adult volunteers who can help with driving, home repairs, and preparing group meals. See you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHANGE!

This is the 9th year UCC has distributed money jars to collect money for the seniors that Feeding Medina County provides monthly staples, fresh vegetables, fruit and meat. According to the Director of the Medina Office of Older Adults, reduction of funding is impacting the OOA's ability to provide meals for the growing population of senior citizens in Medina County. The money jar collection was used to provide holiday meats for the seniors served by FMC. Thanks to your generous donations we collected \$1,157 to donate to the seniors in Medina.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

We have several openings to sponsor the communion table flowers. Please consider signing up today! This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Please fill in your name and **write “Church” or “Self”** to let us know if you would like the church to order the flowers for you or if you will be ordering them yourself. The cost of the flowers ordered through the church office is \$22.50. **Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service.**

ALL TEAMS RETREAT

Want to have a say in what direction our church is heading? Have an opinion you'd like to share? Just want to have some fun and fellowship with the leadership of the church? Come join us for our Church's Goals and Growth Retreat on February 11th at Krabill Lodge by Chippewa Lake (7597 Ballash Rd., Medina, OH 44256).

This is an all teams retreat with Luke, Meghan, the Moderators and (at least) one member from each church team. We will meet from 9-3. Please RSVP if you plan on attending as we will be providing lunch and need to know how many people to provide for.

RSVP by registering through [REALM here](#) or email Dan Daubner at DDaubner@zoominternet.net

GIVING FROM THE HEART—A Gift to the Endowment Fund

January chilly days give way to February bright red hearts of Valentine's Day.

A reminder of loving and giving—and a time to focus on the return of the

Endowment Fund Giving Tree

What is a Giving Tree? The GIVING TREE is a cheerful evergreen tree with colorful hearts attached to the soft boughs. Each HEART is a reminder to folks to select a HEART off the tree and keep it as a reminder to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. The church giving has been generous in the past. The Endowment Fund enriches the life of our church.

Some of the projects and efforts supported by Endowment over the past few years include:

Trips to Costa Rica

New furniture for the East Room

Our wonderful Historical Marker

Portable Sound System

Crossroads display in the Hallway

Support for the Operating Budget

Bicentennial Memories

Ladies & Girls Spring Tea

Now is the time for the spirit of your heart to be made real in our church. Please stop by the elevator landing and take a HEART. Keep it as a reminder to give generously from your heart. The cheerful giver within you will rejoice!

Hobby Horse Preschool
Church Member Registration Day
Tuesday, January 17, 2023



Contact Jen Vilimonovic, Director
jen@uccmedina.org

John 1:29-42

All That We Are

Each week, the UCC Witness and Worship Artists' Group makes available a wealth of resources to enrich your worship service - prayers, psalms, liturgy, scripture studies, sermon starters and more are available by searching the internet for Worship Ways at the United Church of Christ. Here is the Invocation for the worship liturgy created by Rev. Trayce Potter for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.

Invocation

God of our weary years and God of our silent tears, thou who has brought us thus far on the way,

we invite your presence into our midst as we pay tribute to all who have labored for justice, equality and love.

We pray that in this moment you would strengthen us to continue to fight for the fulfillment of the dream that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. so eloquently laid out on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Help us to labor so that every valley is exalted, every hill and mountain made low, the rough places are plain, and the crooked places made straight so that the glory of the Lord is revealed, and all flesh see it together.

Let your love guide us to see one another as fully human with diverse hues, colors, ethnicities and cultures, and respect the content of their character.

Let your spirit strengthen us for the fight of today and tomorrow until all God's children can say with full conviction, "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God All-Mighty, I'm free at last." Amen.

https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/martin_luther_king_weekend_service_january_

*This service quotes from **Our God is Marching On**, and **Letter from Birmingham Jail**, by Martin Luther King, Jr. Lines in italics quote from **We Shall Overcome** #570 in **The New Century Hymnal**, and **Lift Every Voice and Sing** #593 in **The New Century Hymnal**