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PALM SUNDAY

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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"

* Those who are able please stand

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Andante on All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - Michael Burkhardt

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

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re-deem-er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da - vid's great - er son;
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
As you re - ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.

you ride in low - ly tri - umph, Mes - si - ah, bless - ed one!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
Since you de - light in good - ness, rule in our hearts to - day.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from *Enfleshed: Liturgy That Matters*)

Take heart! Love still lives and moves among us.

Love is alive among the people, ordinary and humble.

Love gathers our strength together and champions the vulnerable.

Love cries out for justice and multiplies our capacity for good.

The steadfast love that endures forever lives within each of us.

Thanks be to God, the source of all that saves us.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 118: 1-2, 24-29 (O.T. pg. 534)

Nick North, liturgist

Matthew 21:1-11 (N.T. pg. 21)

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

"Smash Your Busyness"

Rev. Meghan Malone

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ride On, O Lord, in Majesty" – Richard Jeffery

Chancel Choir

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

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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!

OFFERING (lyrics from Rest by Half-Alive, feat. Samm Henshaw)

One: Slowing down is fighting back, leaving room for greater paths. The time you take is given back, shifting gears is saving gas.

All: Rest is the secret. Stopping the motion to process the moment.

One: A day to stop and rest is holding up the steeple. This might be news to all the people, but living busy isn't giving you your worth.

All: So lost in the thought of what could be, I forgot to take some time to make a richer me. Hiding in the quiet, there's a well of wisdom.

One: The collected gifts of our community make this church a restful place that is here for all of us. Let us rise in body or in Spirit and sing out our thanks to God who gives us rest.

***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**

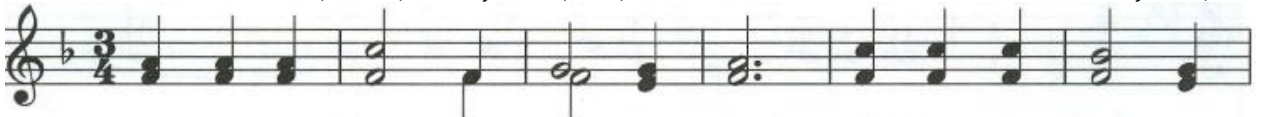
All: Jesus who leads us in resisting toxic systems and oppressive powers, help us to find ways to slow down, to heal, to imagine, and to rest. Our worth does not lie in our productivity, but in the love you formed us with from the very beginning. Let us smash our norm of being perpetually exhausted and seek the life abundant you desire for us. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Jesus, The Joy of Loving Hearts"

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150; tras. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.

HESPERUS L.M.
Henry Baker, 1854



1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to
3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -



light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts
call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;
on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;



we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
to those who find you, life is new.
our thirst - y souls from you we fill.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION** (Inspired by Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto by Tricia Hersey)

One: As you go from this place, take refuge in the beauty of community care and the power of dreams.

All: **Rest makes us all more human. It is not a luxury we need to earn; it is what our wellbeing demands.**

One: Go get your healing. Be disruptive. Push back. Slow down. Take a nap.

All: **Let us rest like our lives depend on it, and usher in a new way that centers liberation and care for all people.**

***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** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" -setting, Michael Burkhardt

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 Maureen Walker.

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

APRIL 2, 2023

**“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

April 2, 2023 thru April 9, 2023

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun PALM SUNDAY

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:30 am Third Grade Bible Class
9:45 am Children's Choir
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
11:30 am Bible Project Presentations
4:30 pm Men's Group
4:30 pm Youth Group

Mon Cook for Cups

7:00 pm Evangelism Team

Tues 8:00 am Men's breakfast

12:00 pm Book study
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm DELT Meeting

Wed 10:30 am Quilters

6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Gathering Band rehearsal
7:00 pm Evangelism Team
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship in Fellowship Hall

Fri Good Friday

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

7:00 pm Blues & Lamentations Service in the Sanctuary

Sat

Sun EASTER SUNDAY & Easter Offering

No Jesus Vibes Sunday School

7:00 am Sunrise Service at Spring Grove

Cemetery Chapel
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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

Scriptures: Psalm 118: 1-2, 24-29
and Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon: "Smash Your Busyness"
Rev. Meghan Malone

Communion Table: The flowers are given by Joe & Sandy Behler in honor of their anniversary.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

4/6 – **Maundy Thursday** – 7:00 pm led by the
Gathering Band in Fellowship Hall

4/7 – **Good Friday – Office closes at noon**
Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm led by
Jenny Cochran and Gateway Band in the
Sanctuary

4/9 – **Easter Sunday**
7:00 am – Sunrise Service at

Spring

Grove Cemetery Chapel

8:15 am – **UCC Chapel**

9:00 am – **Fellowship Hall**

10:30 am – **Sanctuary (Livestreamed)**

11:30 am – **Easter Egg Hunt**

4/10 – **Easter Monday – OFFICE CLOSED**

EASTER OFFERING APRIL 9TH

This year's Easter offering will support our Shepherd's Fund, which assists local community members who need a helping hand. Many members of the community come to the Church in need of gas for their cars, food, laundry money, hotel stays and help with their utilities and other bills. The office staff provides a list of local agencies that support their needs and some monetary assistance. We have noticed an increase in local needs. Any money collected during our Easter service will build up the Shepherd's Fund so we can continue to help our neighbors.

YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday, April 2nd, our Middle and High Schoolers will be cooking a meal for Cups Café while our Elementary youth will meet for our regular gathering in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Nicole Rubino. See you there!

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

The DELTs will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at church after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday. We are asking for **individually wrapped** Easter candy donations to fit in the little eggs. There will be a container outside the church office to put your donations in. Thank you in advance!

EASTER EGG HUNT

After the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, we will once again have a quick Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the grassy area by the pergola. The kids should bring their Easter Basket or a bag so they can add a few more eggs to their collection!

BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday will be Sunday, April 16th. On this day four special third graders will be presented their very own bible. We hope you can join us for their special day and help us celebrate them.

NO JESUS VIBES ON EASTER

On Easter Sunday there will be no Jesus Vibes during the 10:30 service. Children will stay upstairs with their family.

OPERATION HOMES SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Please plan to join us for this very worthy cause! Sunday, April 16th from noon-3pm, there will be a spaghetti dinner at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to raise funds for Operation Homes. Tickets are \$12 per person and \$8 for 6 yrs. and under. There will also be a raffle basket. Order your tickets online at operationhomes.org/store/ or call 330-419-4863.

FOUNDER'S DAY IS A GIVING SUCCESS

During the month of February, the Church celebrates Founder's Day by asking friends to donate to the Endowment Fund. We are pleased to share that the contributions for the 2023 celebration came to nearly \$3,500. Wow! That is the highest success point that the Fund has ever experienced. Thank you to each donor. Know that these dollars for the future will be used thoughtfully with care and discernment. And thank you to Mr. Nettleton who, long ago, paid out-of-pocket \$50 to ensure our Church on the Square would exist today!

MISSION TEAM

The Mission Team is making a gardening gift basket to benefit Operation Homes. The basket will be auctioned off at their April 16th spaghetti lunch fundraiser at Prince of Peace Church. There will be a collection box for these items under the Operation Homes sign up table. All donated items should be received by Sunday, April 9th so the basket can be created and delivered. Thank you so much for your help! Items requested may be found on this SignUp Genius link: <https://tinyurl.com/4s7kwxar>

PINWHEEL WALK TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

On Sunday, April 16th from 1-3pm, let's head out to the Medina Square to support the Children's Center of Medina County as they plant 595 pinwheels representing each case of Child Abuse or Neglect investigated by Medina County Job and Family Services during 2022. Participants are encouraged to wear blue, the designated color for child abuse prevention awareness.

DONATION OF THE MONTH

The Mission Team's item for the month is **laundry detergent/pods**. There is a need for this at Claggett, Cups Café and local food pantries. We also collected 73 boxes of granola bars in March! Thank you for your continued support!

QUILTS FOR KIDS

Expecting a new baby in your life? Want to be ready for the next baby shower? Have a special little one in your life? The Caring Team presents... "Quilts for Kids" a raffle fundraiser. Check out the quilts on display in the East Room on Sunday starting April 16th. Money raised will be used to purchase highchairs/child friendly seating for Fellowship hall. Tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The drawing will occur at the Ladies and Girls Tea on Saturday, May 20th.

LADIES AND GIRLS TEA

The tea will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$10 per person and \$5 for girls under 10. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, April 16th in the East Room. Vicki Miller will be presenting the program "For All the Tea in China."

The committee is seeking to borrow teacups and tea pots as well as volunteers to help. If you have items that you would be willing to let us borrow for the day or would like to help, please contact Beth Hari, Darlene Fazekas or Becky Weber.

COMPASSION CAMP

This year's Vacation Bible School, "Compassion Camp" will be held June 5th-8th. Registration will begin on Easter Sunday! So, mark your calendars and plan to be part of the fun. If you are willing to help and volunteer in any way, please see Stacie Yates. We will start having planning meetings soon.

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

April 2, 2023
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Matthew 26:14-27:66

PALM SUNDAY

This is the first day of Holy Week. Each day of this week is an opportunity to draw closer to Christ, as we mark, with him, his walk to the cross. Each day you are given a very short prayer. Take this with you and keep it somewhere where you can refer to it often like in your bag or in your car. Tape them to a mirror or to the refrigerator. Be mindful of this Holy Week, even as you go about your life.

Palm Sunday (April 2) On this day, Jesus enters Jerusalem.

Jesus, today let me lift my voice in praise of you.

Monday (April 3) On this day, Jesus heals and teaches.

Jesus, today show me ways that I can follow you by teaching or healing.

Tuesday (April 4) On this day, Jesus visits the temple and turns the tables.

Jesus, today speak through me to dismantle systems of injustice and economic oppression.

Wednesday (April 5) Scripture says nothing about what Jesus does on this day.

Jesus, today create in me a still heart as I breathe into the deep quiet of your love.

Thursday (April 6) Jesus gathers to share one last meal with his friends.

Jesus, today let me show hospitality to all.

Friday (April 7) Jesus is crucified.

Jesus, today give me courage to follow you even to places of death or despair.

Saturday (April 8) Jesus is in the tomb.

Jesus, today grant me hope for resurrection even in desolation.

Sunday (April 9) Christ is risen!

Jesus, today help me find you in unexpected people or places.