

# Called to Wonder

A Human Kind: Be Both worship

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- *During the service, Summer Sunday School is available for ages 3 - 3<sup>rd</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

“The Summons”-arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Cathy Fafrak, piano

### WELCOME

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,  
**You are welcome here!**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Holy in me seeks to see the holy in you.

**We seek transcendence behind all of our questions and day-to-day worries.**

We seek the presence of God.

**We long to hear the teachings of Christ.**

We seek to feel the stirring of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

**We are thankful for this day. This worship. This chance to be with neighbor and our God.**

May we worship with open hearts.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”**



1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the
2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's
3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all
4. In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one



bold de - signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and  
mys - teries known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile  
now de - spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing  
fam - ily with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be



stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

## BAPTISM of Malinali Galdamez

Church, Jesus tells us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized as they live and grow in Christ?

If so, please respond, **"We promise our love, support, and care."**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Mallory Bergstresser, Sherry Croyle, Malinali Galdamez, Jennifer Vilimonovic**

*Reinstatement of Membership: Dale Kamps, Janice Mastin-Kamps, Patricia Robertson*

**Congregation: We promise our love, our support, and our prayer.**

Then let us pray:

**Almighty God, we thank you for adding to our community.**

**You bless us with the gift of these lives.**

**May we be curious. May we learn from them.**

**May we compassionately teach what we know.**

May you grant that we grow together and build your kingdom  
in whatever way you guide us.  
Thank you, Gracious Mystery.  
Surround us all in a love that knows no end,  
and may it be a reflection of your love for us all shown in  
the life of Christ and the movement of the Spirit. Amen!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Romance for Horn and Piano, Op. 36" - Camille Saint-Saëns  
*Eve Lindon, Horn, Cathy Fafrak, Piano*

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalms 50: 7-14 (O.T. pg. 491)  
Genesis 12: 1-9 (O.T. pg. 9)

Ashley Bonsell, 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**

"Called to Wonder"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

*The bulletin cover comes from Carolina Beach, NC where Pastor Luke and his family were vacationing last week. They rested on the beach and thought of you, church. This sermon was inspired by that week of sabbath rest and vacation.*

**HYMN**

Words & Music: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt;  
arr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

**"Servant Song"**

THE SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.

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1. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, bro - ther,  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low  
3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you  
4. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall  
5. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, sis - ter,



1. let me walk with you; pray that I may  
 2. trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to  
 3. laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
 4. find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've  
 5. let me walk with you; pray that I may



1. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 2. help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 3. joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney thro' .  
 4. known to - geth - er of great love and ag - o - ny.  
 5. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

## 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

We give out of gratitude to you, oh Lord of Hosts.

**We give not from our self-glorification, but to the glorification of your holy names, God Most High. Hear our voices as we rise in body or spirit to sing our praise for you.**

**\*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**

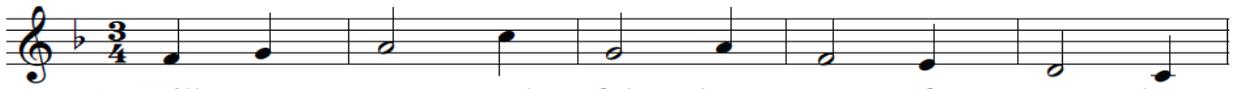
**Accept, oh God, our thank offering. All belongs to you, our Christ, our Spirit. All is already yours. May your wisdom accompany our giving so that our neighbor is fed, welcomed, and finds the love that we all so desperately seek. Thanks be to you, Trinity, God-in-Community. One God, forever more. Amen!**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

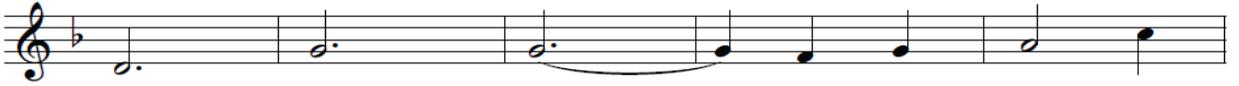
### "The Summons"

John L. Bell, © 1987 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

KELVINGROVE 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.  
 Scottish traditional; arr. John L. Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where  
 call your name? Will you care for  
 call your name? Will you set the  
 call your name? Will you quell the  
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
 what I mean In you and you in me?  
 touch and sound In you and you in me?  
 live and grow In you and you in me.

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Hear oh Church, your call.

**We have been blessed to be a blessing.**

We have been called to the promised land.

**Beyond the confines of our own experiences**

and into a compassion seeking understanding of our neighbor. It seems impossible,

**Yet with you, all things are possible.**

Go! Hear your calling from God and act upon it 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      "Carillon, Op. 10, No. 10" - Massenet, ed. Kenneth Udy**

**Cathy Fafrak, Organ**

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 11, 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](http://www.uccmedina.org/live)

June 11, 2023 thru June 18, 2023

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sun NEW MEMBERS JOIN

8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 am Mission Team Meeting

Mon 6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

Tues 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting  
7:00 pm DELTs Meeting

Wed 10:30 am Quilters  
6:30 pm Gathering Band rehearsal

Thurs 7:00 pm Bible Study

Fri 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social on the Square

### Sat

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship

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

Scriptures: Psalm 50: 7-14 and Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon: “Human Kind - Be Both: Called to Wonder”

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table:** The communion table flowers are given by Karen & Ken Zuehlke in memory of their fathers.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Maker Space and Jesus Vibes will be taking a break for the summer. Summer Sunday school will be available for children ages 3 through those entering the third grade in the fall. Older children will be in worship for the summer.

## DONATION OF THE MONTH

Thank you for supporting our Donation of the Month! In June we will be collecting personal hygiene items! Some items you might like to donate are soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, wipes, toothpaste, mouthwash and toothbrushes, etc.!

Thank you for last month’s donations!

The response was amazing! A trunk full of craft items will be delivered to *The Society* so they can have a summer full of fun creating and crafting!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF  
JUNETEENTH

## SUMMER MAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

The Pilgrim Messenger will only be mailed every other week for the summer months beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through August 10<sup>th</sup>. Regular mailings will begin on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

On the square, Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm, featuring guest speakers, live performances including Motown, Jazz, Food, Music, Dance, Youth Activities, Culture and Community Celebration. You can volunteer to assist with set up, tear down, or children’s crafts here: <https://tinyurl.com/3va325sz>

## **JOIN THE CARING TEAM**

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Do you want to establish a connection with others in our church, be on a team where serving is fun and serve on a team that makes a difference in other people's lives? Then join the Caring Team! We are the hospitality group that plans, oversees, and supports receptions and dinners celebrating special events in the life of the church as well as annual fellowship events. If you are still not sure, talk with one of our Caring Team members listed below, or volunteer at one of the events. No skills needed!

Caring Team members are: Carol Sandora, Myra Fabian, Sari Allen, Sandy Behler, Lori Price, Diane Howard, Kathi Kavouras, Sue Dean and Darlene Fazekas. You may also call the church office if you are interested.

## **TIME TO CELEBRATE YOU!**

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### **50 + YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!**

If you've been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm** for a celebration luncheon. Invitations will be mailed out in early September. If you haven't yet been here for 50 years and want to help with the luncheon, put this date on your calendar and contact the church office or Sue Dean at 330-952-1840.

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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**

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Genesis 12:1-9

## The Call of Abram

In today's story, God calls Abram and his family away from the place they are living, and into a new home that is being prepared for them. In this story, God promises to be with Abram and his family for always, not just in this generation but the next and the next and the next. There are many reasons that a family might be called to leave the home somewhere on the globe, for the promise of a new one - war, famine, climate change, economic opportunity, religious freedom, or to freely love, express their gender and thrive in any number of ways. When a family is called in this way, God's promise of accompaniment might meet them in the form of a United Church of Christ congregation or other entity.

In the UCC, "We have a long history of providing and creating robust structures of welcome for the resettlement of refugees and the protection of asylees within the United States, while advocating for and responding to the needs of those displaced globally."\*

Are you or your congregation feeling called to be the face and hands of God for a resettling family or individual? If so, there are a number of grants available that can help you help God fulfill the promise of presence made to Abram long ago and to many others in this time.

Search the web to find more information about UCC Global H.O.P.E. Refugee & Migration Ministries Grants. Some of them include:

- Migrant Empowerment Match Grant: Career development funding for individual migrants across a range of visa statuses.
- Migrant Community Program Seed Grant: For churches creating community enrichment programs for migrants.
- Refugee Resettlement Booster Grant: Funding for churches to resettle a single or multiple families through a local refugee resettlement office, the U.S. Sponsor Circle Program or the Church World Service Remote Resettlement Program.
- Refugee and Migration Solidarity Grant: For UCC churches and conferences to meet emergency mass care needs.
- Asylum Accompaniment Booster Grant: Funding for churches hosting or resourcing asylum seekers.
- Ukrainian Sponsorship Seed Grant: Awards for churches to sponsor Ukrainian nationals.