



This Is Good





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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 “Contemplation at Sunrise” - Trygve Torjussen, Op. 4, No. 1; arr. David Sarandon
Cathy Fafrak, piano

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

First, God made light.

And it was good.

And so, God made the skies, and the oceans, and the plants.

God made days, and nights, and seasons.

God made all the creatures of the Earth, and God saw that it was good.

Then, God made us in their own image. God created humankind according to their own likeness.

God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good.

***OPENING HYMN**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Refrain

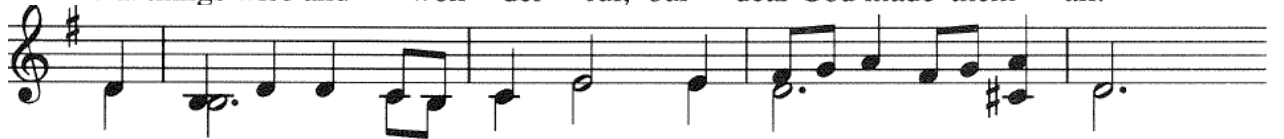


All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

Last time, end



All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

to Refrain



God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-31 (O.T. pg. 1)

Deb Waldron, Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Beautiful" – Twila Paris

Katherine Johns, voice

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

REFLECTION HYMN

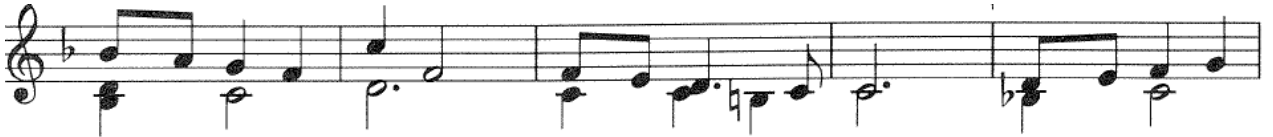
"Colorful Creator"

Ruth Duck, 1992

HOUGHTON 11.11.11.11.
Carlton R. Young, 1992; © 1993 Hope Publishing Company



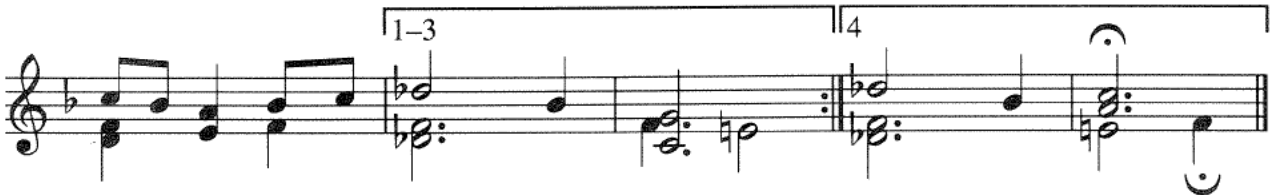
1 Col - or - ful Cre - a - tor, God of mys - ter - y,
2 Har - mo - ny of a - ges, God of lis - tening ear,
3 Au - thor of our jour - ney, God of near and far,
4 God of truth and beau - ty, Po - et of the Word,



thank you for the art - ist teach - ing us to see glimps - es of the
thank you for com - pos - ers tun - ing us to hear ech - oes of the
praise for tale and dra - ma tell - ing who we are, strip - ping to the
may we be cre - a - tors by the Spir - it stirred, o - pen to your



mean - ing of the com - mon - place, vi - sions of the
Gos - pel in the songs we sing, sounds of love and
es - sence strug - gles of our day, times of change and
pres - ence in our joy and strife, ves - sels of the



ho - ly in each hu - man face.
long - ing from the deep - est spring.
con - flict when we choose our way.
ho - ly cours - ing through our life.

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 to the Table

The Words of Institution

Congregational response: **We embody what God looks like**

Distribution of the Elements

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

When God looks in the mirror,
God sees all our faces.
No one looks more like God than anyone else does.
We are each a unique piece of the *imago dei*.
**Therefore it takes all of us, and all our gifts,
to live as the Body of Christ.
Let us rise as one body and sing out our praises.**

***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 Thanksgiving**

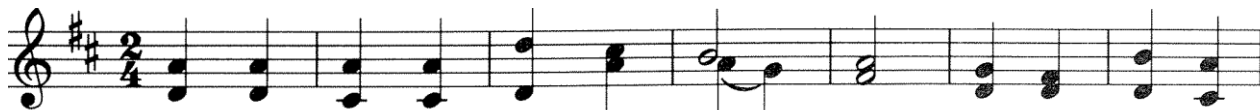
**Thank you, God, for human diversity, for people who help us to know you in new ways,
and for perspectives we could never see on our own.
Help us to be both human and kind to everyone who is a reflection of you.
Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

The Iona Community, 1985; alt., © The Iona Community, used by permission of G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

LAUDA ANIMA 8:7.8:7.8:7.
John Goss, 1869



1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -



love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y



grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall



Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION** *(said to your neighbor)*

In the beginning, God thought of you:
 unique, irreplaceable, loved, and wanted.
 You matter. It is good that you are here.
 It is good that we are here together.
 Go in peace and know that God goes with you! 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 "Finale" on 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven' - Robert A. Hobby Cathy Fafrak, organ

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 4, 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

June 4, 2023 thru June 11, 2023

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 4:30 pm Men's Group
Mon	VBS Week 7:00 pm New Member Class
Tues	8:00 am Men's Breakfast
Wed	10:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Gathering Band rehearsal 7:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting
Thurs	Last Day of VBS 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm "Keep Talking" Support Group
Fri	6:00 pm Ice Cream Social on the Square
Sat	
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 4:30 pm Men's Group

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men of the church are invited to the Men's Breakfast which is held on the first Tuesday of the month. They are meeting at Buehler's Restaurant on River Styx Rd. at 8 p.m.

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

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-31

Sermon: "Human Kind - Be Both: This is Good"

Rev. Meghan Malone

Communion Table: The communion table flowers are given by Jack & Diane Stoll in honor of their 40th anniversary.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON THE SQUARE

Next Friday, June 9th our church will be hosting the Ice Cream Social on the Square starting at 6 pm with a band concert to follow at 8:30 pm. (bring your lawn chair) But in order to have an Ice Cream Social, you must have Ice Cream!

Please consider donating (3) 1-gallon buckets of Ice Cream (any flavor) and (3) 1-gallon buckets of sherbet.

We are also in need of the following: pies, cookies/brownies (individually wrapped) 5# or larger bags of ice, cases of pop. Please have your items (not baked goods) to the church on Wednesday, June 7th by 3 pm. All baked goods need to be at the church by 3:00 pm, Friday, June 9th. And if you would like to help at the event, we always appreciate people to set up at 5 pm, serve at 6 pm and/or clean up at 8:30 pm. Any questions call the church office at 330-725-4559.

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!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member classes are underway! These classes are a great place for us to cast our 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, June 5th at 7 pm in the new library. New members will join the church on Sunday, June 11th.

If you wish to participate, you may contact the church office at 330-725-4559 or register here though [REALM](#).

TIME TO CELEBRATE YOU!

50 + YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!

If you've been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save **Saturday, October 14th, 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.

SUMMER MAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

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

JOIN THE CARING TEAM

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.

CRAFT MAKERS GROUP

SUMMER CRAFTS are ready for delivery. The display table is set up in the Welcome Area.

Please sign out a craft on the sheet provided. Please call the recipient ahead of time to make arrangements for visit/delivery. Thank you for reaching out to our church membership who are homebound, shut-in, and resident care facilities.

2nd ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

On the square, Saturday June 17th 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>

3rd ANNUAL PRIDE ON THE SQUARE

Thursday June 8th, 6-8pm, bring your picnic basket and blanket and enjoy the evening. Chalk and dessert will be provided. Come get your glitter blessing from Pastor Meghan or Pastor Luke!

FINANCIAL UPDATE – AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

Hobby Horse Preschool Budget:

- YTD Revenues: \$85,996.65
- YTD Expenses: \$88,400.61
- YTD Hobby Horse operating budget is reflecting a negative \$2,403.96 net losses. This operating loss will be offset and reflect a positive operating revenues by applying the remainder of the 2022 Grant monies towards Hobby Horse salaries and miscellaneous expenses. No concerns with Hobby Horse financial position.
- YTD Hobby Horse Restricted Funds Balance: \$111,711.34. This represents “Money In The Bank” restricted to specific Hobby Horse related uses.

UCC Operating Budget:

- YTD Revenues: \$152,943.77
- YTD Expenses: \$170,218.45
- YTD UCC Operating budget is reflecting a negative \$17,218 in net losses. This is being driven by a negative \$15,255 in projected revenues, largely due to a lack of non-pledged forecasted giving. Expenses are closely being managed, reflecting \$3,308.3 under the projected budget. We will be disbursing Grant dollars, as well as receiving anticipated Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) monies, to offset operating losses.
- YTD Operating Restricted Funds Balance: \$272,003.87. This represents “Money In The Bank” restricted to specific Operational related uses, for our various Teams (Caring, D&E, Evangelism, Music, Operating, Worship)

Capital Fund:

- YTD Revenues: \$11,111.82
- YTD Expenses: \$0
- YTD Capital Fund Restricted Funds Balance: \$72,347.38 This represents “Money In The Bank” restricted to specific Capital related uses.

Mission Budget:

- Total YTD Revenues: \$20,660.97
- Total YTD Expenses: \$25,580.82
- YTD Mission Budget is reflecting a negative \$4,918 in losses. This will be offset by planned spending throughout the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. Some expenses were paid out in the first part of the year, due to community needs/requests.
- YTD Mission Restricted Funds Balance: \$30,858.79. This represents “Money In The Bank” restricted to specific Mission related uses.

Endowment Fund:

Our Endowment Fund did see a positive Q1 2023, realizing \$1,327 in dividend gains, bringing our total Endowment Fund balance to \$327,505. We will also be transferring \$3,495.26 in recent received Memorial Gifts to our Endowment Fund in Q2 2023.

If you have any financial related questions, please contact Jeffrey Miller at 330.725.4559 Ext #13 or via email Jeff@uccmedina.org

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

June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

This Is Good

Today's scripture reading begins with the words, "In the beginning when God created..." Following each act of creation, God blesses and calls "good" what God has made. One amazing and joyful aspect of our faith is that our story begins with the creativity of God. With creativity comes change. The creativity of the Holy One did not end with the first act of creation, the creativity continued and continues today.

Once a year, we pull the word *triune* out of the cupboard, dust it off and remember that our God is both three and one. On Holy Trinity Sunday we remember that God is both one and three. God is One and also in relationship with God's very self.

According to the United Church of Christ website, in the UCC, **We believe in the triune God: Creator, resurrected Christ, the sole Head of the church, and the Holy Spirit, who guides and brings about the creative and redemptive work of God in the world.** On this day, we remember how those three parts work together in harmony, unity, and joy to be continually creating, redeeming, and guiding the world.

This week, as you go about your daily life, notice the triune (that dusty old and still shiny new word) Divine One, and give thanks. You might try this prayer at the beginning or end of each day.

Holy One, Blessed Three - I'm grateful for all that you have created in my life, in my church community and in the world. Today, I'm especially grateful for the creation of _____. I'm grateful for the salvation that comes in your name, for your willingness to save us all from that which burdens us. Today, I'm especially grateful to be saved from _____. I'm grateful, too, for all the ways you nurture and guide me. Today, I'm especially grateful to be guided in the direction of _____.

After you speak, listen. Do you hear the blessing? Do you hear how God has called all that is created "good?" Ask yourself how the three parts of the trinity speak to you and each other.