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HARVEST HOME

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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 “We Gather Together” – arr. Victor Labenske

Cathy Fafrak, Piano

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (written by Tim Aldred in *Wild Goose Big Book of Worship Resources* from the Iona Community page 180)

When I am stripped of power

When I am grieving

When I am a stranger

When I am humiliated.

May I trust in your promised land

May I know your joy

May I meet you within and in others

May I learn that your harvest is for all.

When I am powerful

When I am celebrating

When I am at home

When I am rewarded.

May I trust in your promised land

May I know your joy

May I meet you within and in others

May I learn that your harvest is for all. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Sing a Song of Harvest"

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN 7.6.7.6.

Fred Pratt Green, 1976

Melchior Vulpius, 1609 © 1976 Hope Publishing Co.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, Sing a Song of Harvest". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with many chords and some melodic lines.

1. Come, sing a song of har - vest, of thanks for dai - ly food!
2. Shall we, some - times for - get - ful of where cre - a - tion starts,
4. And lest the world go hun - gry while we our - selves are fed,
To of - fer God the first - fruits is old as grat - i - tude.
view sci - ence as our sav - ior, lose won - der from our hearts?
make each of us more read - y to share our dai - ly bread.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:1-12 (N.T. pg. 24)

Deb Waldron, Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Harvest Ring" – Brenda E. Austin

Alleluia Ringers

PRESENTATION OF THE TOM EVANS AWARD 2023

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

"Sing a Song of Harvest Home: Wants to be Supplied"

The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

COMMUNION HYMN

Dan Feiten, 1987

"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

SEED SCATTERED Irr.
Dan Feiten; arr. Eric Gunnison & R.J. Miller, alt. © 1987 Ekklesia Music, Inc.

Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and

grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the

Liv - ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the

land, wine, work of our hands,

one cup that is shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the

Liv - ing Bread of God. God.

3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was

grown, so may the church of God be

gath - ered in - to one.

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

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!

Stewardship Moment Corey Raub

***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**

God, we thank you for our home on earth.
We thank you for our lives together
We thank you for your love and care.
We thank you for the harvest. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Text and music: Dwight Liles, 1984

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING Irr.

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and features three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our". The chords are: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C.

lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

give to you,* we give to you. We lift our

voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

Chords: F, C, Dm7, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus, E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

Holy Spirit of God,
 may the space within that we keep for you become ever deeper and wider.
 May the busyness of our brains
 and the cares of our hearts give way to the light of your presence.
 May the Triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit
 Come home with us this harvest time and evermore. 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** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – J. Walther/ed. J. Linker Cathy Fafrak, organ

“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 John & Kathi Kavouras.

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 5, 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

November 5, 2023 thru November 12, 2023 WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	Operation Homes DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 10:00 am Children's Choir rehearsal 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group 4:30 pm Men's Group
Mon	2:00 pm Small Group Study 5:00 pm Youth Book Club 7:00 pm Small Group Study
Tues	8:00 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm ONA Task Force Meeting
Wed	10:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Gathering Band rehearsal 6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm DELTs Meeting 7:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal
Thurs	7:00 pm Hobby Horse Team Meeting 7:00 pm Support Group: Keep Talking About Mental Health
Fri	7:00 pm Mental Health Support Group
Sat	
Sun	8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 10:00 am Children's Choir rehearsal 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 3:00 pm Confirmation Class

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

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "Sing a Song of Harvest Home: Wants to Be Supplied" – The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The communion table flowers are shared in love and honor of Dennis & Allayne Reese's 60th wedding anniversary.

DONATION OF THE MONTH

November's donation of the month will be supplies to fill Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets, which will be assembled during youth group on November 19th. Our goal is to fill 20 buckets! It is important that the supplies are exactly what CWS has asked for, so please check the description of each item on their official website before buying.

<https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>.

Please sign up to donate by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8eexp6>. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to open our amazon wish-list, where you can purchase items from the list and have them sent directly to the church!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, November 7th at Buehler's River Styx at 8:00 am. All men of the church are invited. No reservations required. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

The 2024 Flower Chart is now hanging in the East Room hallway. 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.

LEFTOVER CANDY?

Are you wondering what to do with all that leftover Halloween candy you always have? The Mission Team will be collecting all your candy and treats throughout November. We plan to make goodie bags with the candy and distribute them to various groups in our community over the next few months. Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR POP TABS!

Just a reminder that we collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Northeast Ohio. We will take any tab (pop, soup can, beverage, pet food, canned fruit and vegetables) in any color or size. There is a container in the Welcome Area in which to put your tabs. Thanks for collecting!

CONNECTION OUTREACH CIRCLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

CoC is about keeping in touch on a regular basis with our most senior adult (80+ year old) church membership who are in residential care facilities and our congregation-at-large.

Would you like to serve but don't know where? The Visitation group, Sunday Greeting Cards Table, Seasonal Flowers or the Craft Makers Group are all looking for additional members. Interested? Intrigued? A sign-up sheet with team synopsis is posted in the Welcome Area. *Please contact the church office for Team Coordinator information during office hours.*

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUEST TIME

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that applications are available to apply for funding for special projects and improvements for operating year 2024. Each Fall, Endowment provides financial support from the Endowment Fund earnings to underwrite mission trips, property and grounds improvements, outreach projects and any additional items not covered within your Team Budget. Copies of the Grant Application Form are available in the Church Office, East Room and Fellowship Hall. Deadline for submission: Friday, November 17, 2023. Questions? Contact Matt Yates at 330-321-9679 or Kelly Charnley at 330-421-3313.

CANDLELIGHT WALK BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! The Discipleship & Education team will once again be hosting a bake sale during the Candlelight Walk on Saturday, November 18th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. If you would like to donate a yummy baked good for the bake sale, please sign up here and let us know what you are bringing:

<https://tinyurl.com/2023cwbakesale>.

All baked goods should be labeled and pre-wrapped for individual sale and dropped off at the church kitchen on Friday, November 17th between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Past patrons have been very grateful for allergy safe treats. Funds collected from the bake sale will be used for Christian education and youth programming. Thank you so much for your support.

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

We are excited to bring back a youth talent show in place of a Christmas pageant this year on Sunday, December 10th! We will have a dress rehearsal with pizza on Friday, December 8th. Please sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2023youthtalentshow>

by Sunday, November 12th if your youth plan to participate. Youth of all ages are welcome! Those who are hesitant to share a talent "on stage" are needed as narrators and stage crew.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

The Mental Health Support Group will meet Friday, November 10th at 7 pm at Ann Nagy's house. Please contact Ann at 216-374-0936 to let her know you will be attending and to get directions.

MONDAY CLASSES WITH LUKE AND MEGHAN EXTENDED

Our Monday classes at 2pm and 7pm have been extended by two weeks! On Monday Nov. 6th, Pastors Meghan and Luke will discuss the history of the conflict in Palestine and Israel, including stories and pictures from Meghan's trip there in 2017. Then, on Monday Nov. 13th we will meet to hear from you! How can your pastors teach and support you through this messy thing called life? What do you want to learn about that we can research and discuss with our church community? Bring your ideas to either the 2pm or 7pm session!

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 am – 3 pm MONDAY THRU THURSDAY; FRIDAY 9 am - 12 pm

Matthew 23:1-12

Partners in Service

Long before he was Pope, a priest called Francis developed a prayer he called the five-finger prayer. On this All Saints Day, it's a good way to call to mind those saints in our lives and in the world who have led the way in the faith.

Hold your hands palm down in front of you, and look at your fingers one by one, beginning with your thumb, which is the closest to your heart.

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you. Pray for those in your chosen family, or for your close friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those saints who have pointed you in the right direction. Pray for older relatives, wise teachers, good employers, and thoughtful mentors.

Middle finger: This finger stands tall. Pray for the saints in leadership in your community and the world. Pray for those in business, government, and church leadership whose decisions affect so many.

Ring finger: This finger is the weakest of all the fingers. Pray for those on the margins, pray for the oppressed or the downtrodden. Pray for the ill and the dying. Pray for the addicted and the imprisoned.

Pinky finger: This finger is the smallest. This is where you put your prayers for yourself.

In today's scripture story, Jesus teaches the crowds and disciples about servant leadership. He showed them that when we are followers of Christ, our words and actions need to be consistent. As we pray this prayer, we can get clearer about who are the ordinary, everyday saints in our lives and the world. We can better understand who those are who walk their walk and talk their talk, those saints who have something to teach us here and now.