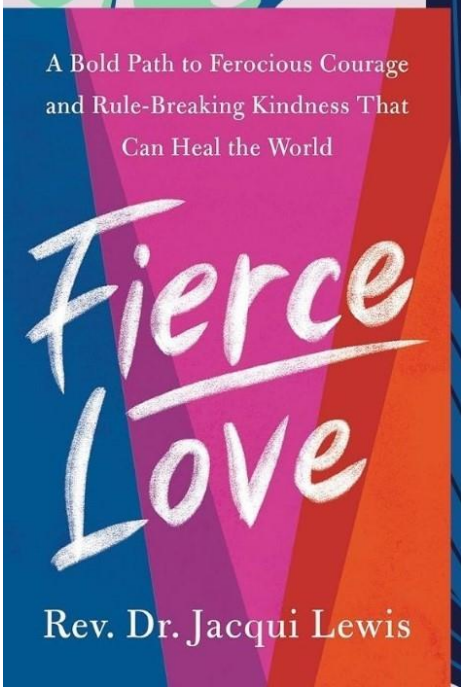
June 30, 2024
Medina UCC

Love yourself.
Unconditionally.
It all starts here.



IT'S TIME TO GROW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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- ***During the 10:30 service, Summer Sunday School is available for ages 3-3rd 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*

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"Loving yourself will help you to be curious about others, compassionate toward others, as gracious to your neighbor as you are to yourself."
Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE **"**Aria" – Noel Rawsthorne Cathy Fafrak, Organist

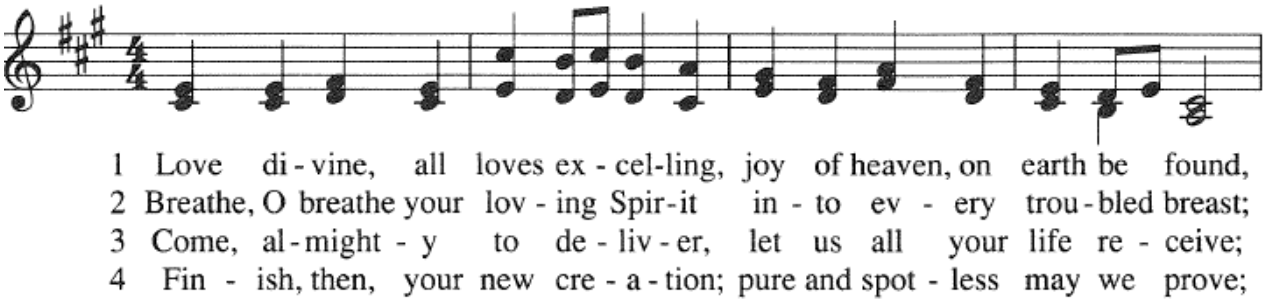
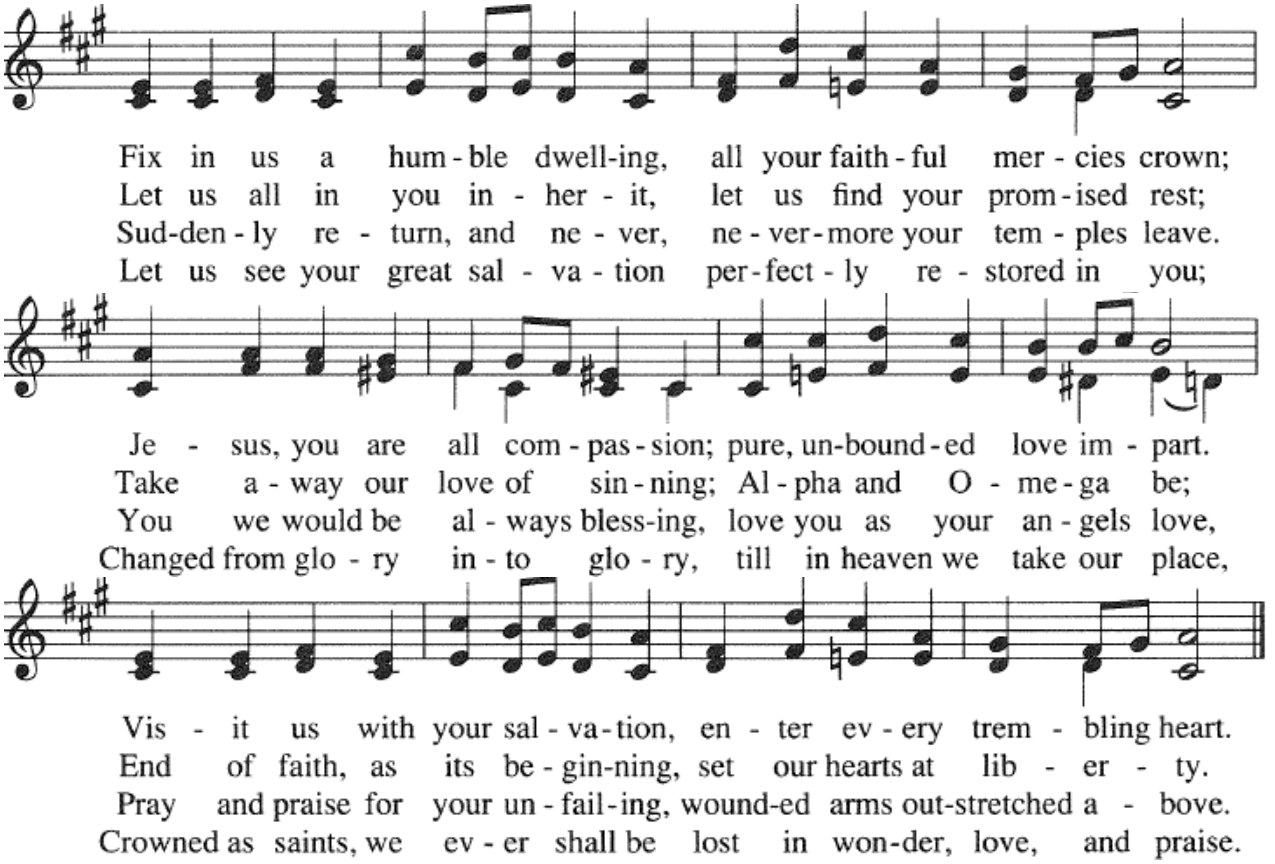
WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GATHERING HYMN** **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1855



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All you need is love!
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
All you need is love!
Love your neighbor as yourself.
All you need is love!
Love yourself. Love is all you need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:7-21 (N.T. pg. 182) Kimberly Gallagher, 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.

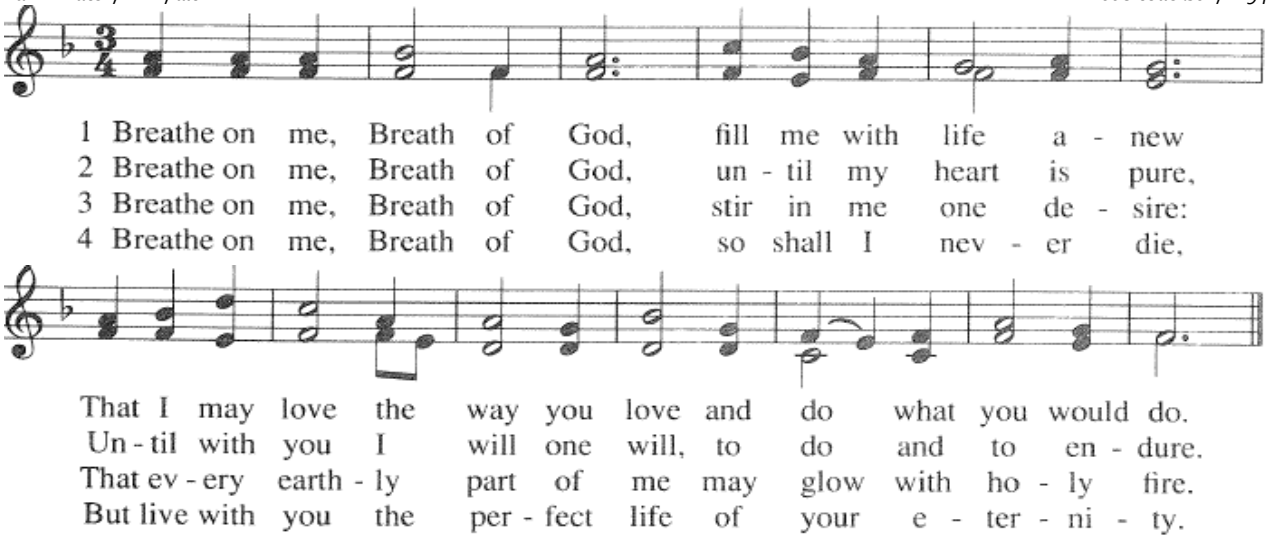
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "Grow By Loving Yourself" Rev. Meghan Malone

GROWTH HYMN **"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"**

TRENTHAM S.M.

Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt. *Robert Jackson, 1894*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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!

Whatever gifts you share with this church, do so out of love for yourself and others. Give in ways that will make your heart sing, as we now rise and sing together!

***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.

***Giving Thanks**

Holy God, bless our efforts to love ourselves and each other. Dwell in our hearts, so that we may be rooted and grounded in the deep and wide love of Christ. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** **"The Summons"**

KELVINGROVE

John L. Bell & Graham Maule *Scottish trad., add. John L. Bell*

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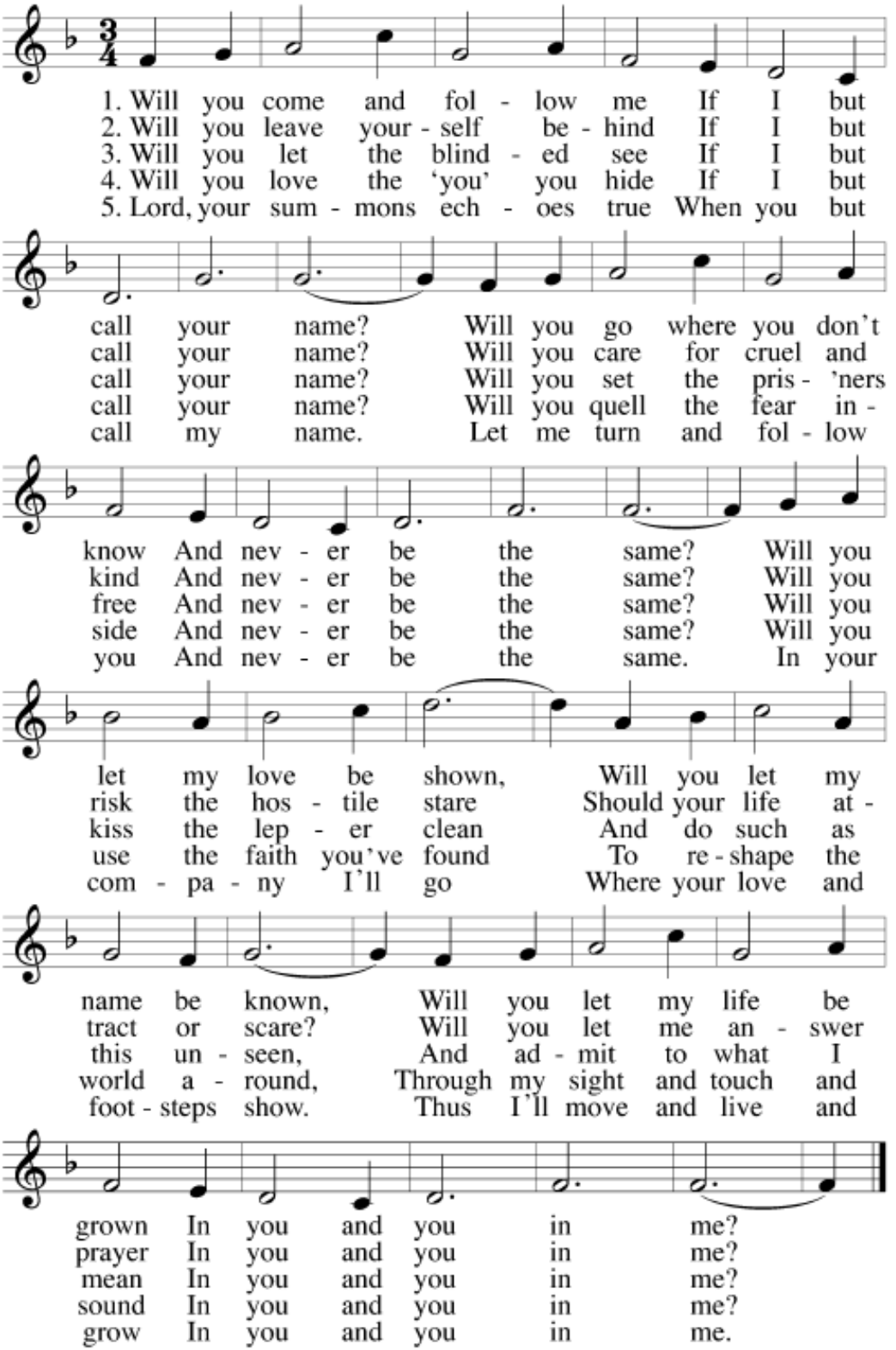
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but
call your name? Will you go where you don't
call your name? Will you care for cruel and
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low
know And nev - er be the same? Will you
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
free And nev - er be the same? Will you
side And nev - er be the same? Will you
you And nev - er be the same. In your
let my love be shown, Will you let my
risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
kiss the lep - er clean And do such as
use the faith you've found To re - shape the
com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and
name be known, Will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and
grown In you and you in me?
prayer In you and you in me?
mean In you and you in me?
sound In you and you in me?
grow In you and you in me.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

Beloved of God, choose to love yourself.
You deserve to be loved!
We all have flaws, and bad habits, and clutter in our minds.
Love yourself anyway! Love yourself fiercely!
Have compassion for all you've faced, and how it has changed you.
Share that compassion with others as kindness and understanding.
Go from this place and grow in love so that you can share it with the world. 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** "They'll Know We Are Christians" – Peter Scholtes/arr. Charity Book Putnam

Cathy Fafrak, Pianist

"More than Church on Sunday"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER
JUNE 30, 2024

"Welcoming, Loving, Serving, Where God Has No Limits.

More Than Church On Sunday!"

Live streaming of the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service is available at www.uccmedina.org/live

June 30 thru July 7, 2024
WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	11:30 am	Property & Grounds Meeting
Mon	Cook for Cups	
	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Gathering Band Rehearsal
Thurs	**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	
Fri	**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	
Sat		
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	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship

Pastor Luke is on sabbatical
May 27th – September 2nd
He will return on September 3rd

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 July through September.

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

Scripture: Ephesians 3:7-21

Sermon: "Grow By Loving Yourself"
Rev. Meghan Malone

Communion Table: The communion table flowers are given by Earle & Medith Olson in honor of their 5th anniversary.

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.

UPDATED VISITATION LISTS

For anyone who would like one, we have updated visitation lists for you. This is a list of our homebound and people who are in nursing facilities. If you would like to visit any of them, you need to call first to arrange a visit, or you may use this list to simply reach out and send a card or make a phone call. This is a way to keep them connected to our church family! You can find these lists in the rack outside the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on Monday, July 1st 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!

SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH LUKE & MEGHAN!

Podcast - Rev'd Up! With Luke & Meghan
New episodes every Wednesday

Join hosts Meghan and Luke as they take you on a transformative journey through the world of faith, spirituality, and social justice. Each episode, Meghan and Luke, both ordained ministers in the UCC, bring their depth of knowledge, experience, and contagious energy to deliver an enlightening show that will leave you charged. So, whether you're a Christian seeking inspiration, questioning traditional beliefs, or simply interested in exploring a more inclusive spirituality, this is your place for transformative conversations.

Podcast Link: https://open.spotify.com/Revdup

AED & CPR TRAINING

The church is offering AED & CPR training for anyone who wants to be trained.

The staff will be updating their certificates and be recertified in CPR & on the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine. When you become certified, you need to recertify every 2 years to stay current.

Final Testing for training will take place on Thursday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
You must attend in person for this test.

The training itself will be just like the last time. You will need to complete your training online along with a test, prior to the final in person testing on the 15th. **Anyone interested in being trained in these areas should contact Cindy in the church office.** There is no cost for members to take this class and we urge anyone in a volunteer position to consider the class (Team Leaders, Committee Leaders, Volunteers with the youth, Choir members, etc.). Ushers and Safety Team members are strongly encouraged to attend. Once we have everyone signed up, we will be sending out a link to take your online class.

Space is limited, so don't delay! Because we will need time to do the online testing first**, the deadline for signing up for this class will be Monday, July 29th.**

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Four Sundays remain to sponsor communion table flowers in 2024. October and December each have two open spots. Check out the chart in the East Room hallway to sign up. 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 $25.00. **Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers** after the 10:30 service.

JULY MONTHLY DONATION

July's Donation of the Month is School Supplies

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies to donate to local schools in the fall. We're looking for: 24 packs of crayons, cleaning wipes, folders, glue sticks, boxes of tissues, scissors (safety and school size right and left-handed), colored pencils, markers (washable) and # 2 pencils. Please place them in the donation box next to the mission table, across from the elevator!

JUNE MISSION UPDATE

This month your mission dollars and donations in kind supported the following:
Medina Personal Care Pantry
SPARK Medina
Juneteenth
Prospect Pantry
How very appreciative these groups were for the outreach your mission dollars were able to supply. Thank you for your ongoing care and support of our greater community.

VBS THANKS

What a big impact VBS made on the Prospect Pantry! So many benefitted from the generosity of parents, caring adults, kind children, and Miss Stacie's lovely idea to include The Pantry in lessons for the week. Thank you from all who enjoyed sharing snacks with you. You made a big difference in a loving positive way!.

Chet and Jan Simmons
Prospect Pantry

SAVE THE DATE!

Alive on the Square is Sunday, August 25th

Our annual church service on the square will begin at 10:30 am around the gazebo on the square. Bring your own lawn chairs and come hungry! Lunch will be served by our neighbors from Medina Creative Housing. They're bringing a variety of sandwiches and side salads to show off the food from the Grande Café, featuring ingredients grown in the Creative Living Produce greenhouse. Donations towards the cost of the meal are appreciated, and the suggested amount is $10 per plate. We hope you will join us for this unique outdoor worship experience and fellowship!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Sabbaticals aren't just for Pastors. How will you grow in fierce love this summer?

6/30 – Love Yourself. Unconditionally. It All Starts Here.
7/7 – Speak Truthfully. It Will Set You Free.
7/14 – Travel Lightly. Downsize The Burdens You Carry.
7/21 – Show Kindness and Affection Wildly. Make Fierce Love Real.
7/28 – Confront Boldly. Transform Your Circumstances with Moral Courage.
8/4 – Think Inclusively. They're Your People Too!
8/11 – Live Justly. Choose Fairness and Equality Every Day.
8/18 – Find Joy Purposefully. It Is The Water Of Life.
8/25 – Believe Assiduously. Have Faith in Love. Alive On the Square.

During this series we'll decorate with houseplants! Bring a plant from your home to decorate the altar.

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

June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 5:21–43

"Healing Powers"

Today we celebrate the United Church of Christ's commitment to growing into a fully Open and Affirming (ONA) fellowship, as we read a story of Jesus healing those who have been marginalized and outcast. Following Christ, the UCC has been a beacon for healing and hope for those pushed to the edges because of their sexual or gender identity.

"Beginning in 1969, the United Church of Christ has advocated for the LGBT community. From the campaign to decriminalize same-sex relationships to support for marriage equality, the UCC has made a difference in the lives of LGBT citizens and their families. The issues have changed over the decades, but the basic commitment to full inclusion and human rights remains the same…

The ONA National Gathering this coming September is the family reunion of the Open and Affirming movement in the United Church of Christ! Members of any church—ONA or not-yet ONA—are welcome to attend. Expect a celebration with exuberant music, inspiring preaching, and workshops that will feed your mind and soul.

While the Religious Right and their allies in federal and state governments are renewing their attack on the basic civil liberties of LGBTQ Americans, and our international queer siblings are experiencing attacks and unconscionable laws, our growing community of churches needs to respond with confidence, commitment and faith.

This September's National Gathering will focus on how ONA churches can act faithfully in our current social and political climate. We'll learn best practices from vital and growing ONA churches. And, as is always true at our Gatherings, we'll explore the intersections of our movement with other movements for social, racial, economic, and environmental justice."

Find out more about how to register and at openandaffirming.org