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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 "Morning Has Broken" – trad. Gaelic melody/arr. Lloyd Larson Cathy Fafrak, Piano

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***OPENING HYMN** **"Morning Has Broken"** BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D

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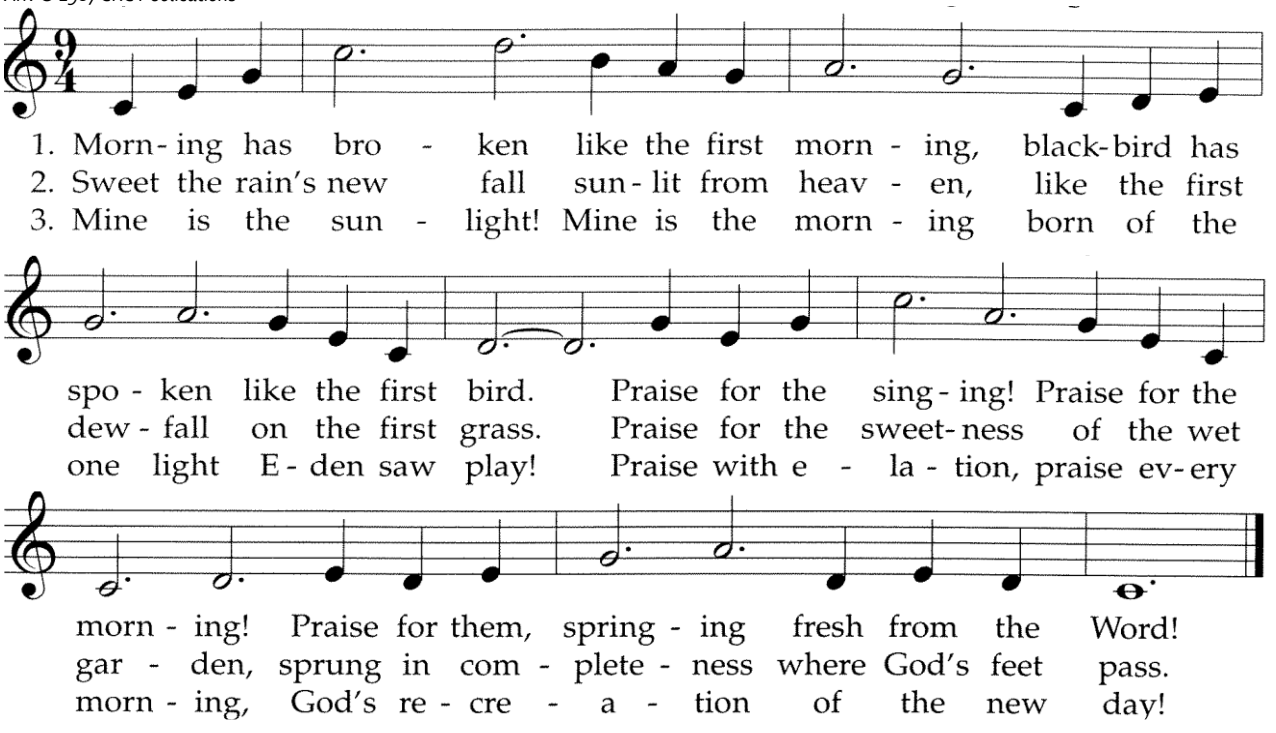

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, we are gathered here today to face giants.
Even when they say, "You can't do that; you're just a kid!"
God has saved us before and has given us all the tools we need to succeed.
We will step up so that all the Earth may know: The battle belongs to God.

ANTHEM "Jesus, Our Saviour" – Beth Kenreich Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 17:32-49 (O.T. pg. 249) Kimberly Gallagher, Liturgist

BAPTISM OF LILY JEAN RADER

Question to the Congregation

I commend to you **Lily Jean Rader** whom we receive as a child in the family of God. Through your lives and example, will you support these parents in their desire to guide **Lily** in the knowledge and love of God and of our savior Jesus Christ?

People: In joyful response to God's grace, we promise our love, our support and our care.

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 "Facing Our Giants" Rev. Meghan Malone

REFLECTION HYMN **"Here I Am, Lord"** HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4. w/ refrain.

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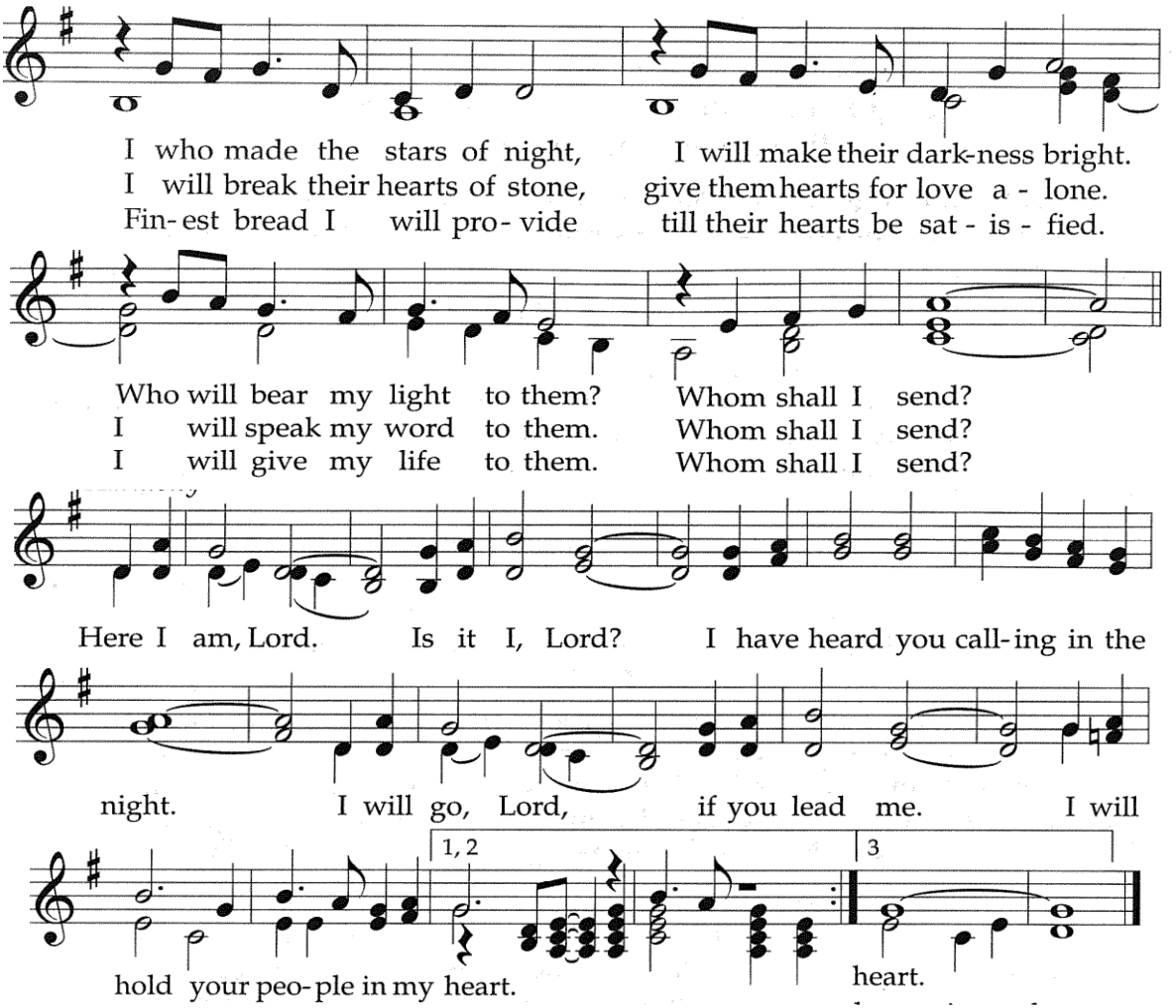

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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. You can also give through VENMO. Look for our Venmo QR codes by the offering plates. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Offering Invitation

The giants are many, but so are we. When we place our trust in God, we are strong. When we share our resources with each other, we strengthen the Body of Christ.

Let us rise and sing praise to the God of David who will deliver us again.

***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.

***Give Thanks**

Thank you, God, for stories about courage and using the tools we've been given. May the gifts we share in community today become the smooth stones that are needed to overcome our giants now. We offer this prayer in your holy name, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light of God"**

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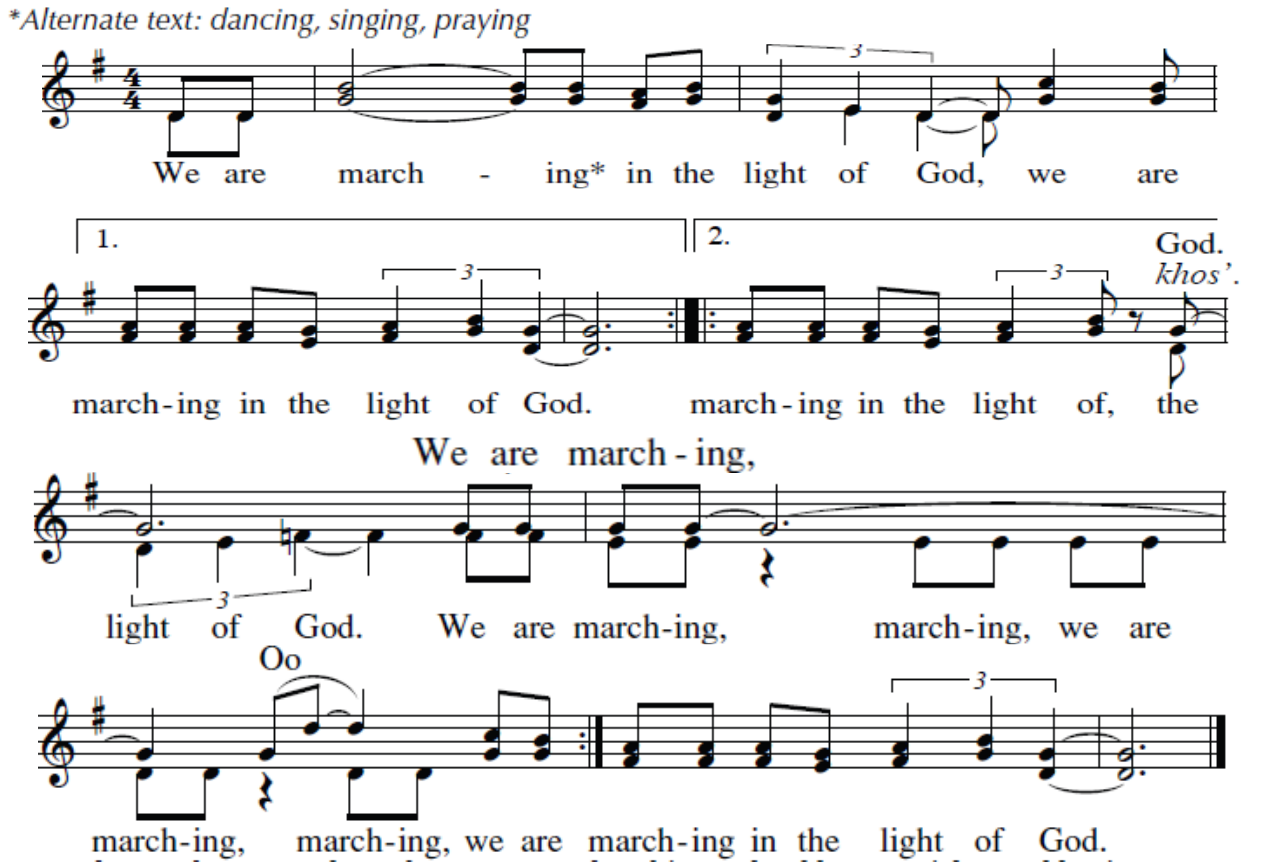

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

Courageous ones, pick up your slingshots
We will not cower. God is with us.
Let us find strength in unity, power in kindness, and courage in truth.
We have what we need. We will not be afraid.
Go and face giants, and may God be with you. For our service here 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** "Voluntary in G" – Henry Heron/ed. C.H. Trevor 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 the Endowment Team.

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER
FEBRUARY 9, 2025

"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

February 9, thru February 16, 2025
WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun **FOUNDERS DAY**
8:00 am Blake Donation List Posted
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:45 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
Baptism of Lily Rader
10:30 am Jesus Vibes
11:45 am Mission Team Meeting
11:45 am Safety Team Meeting
3:00 pm Confirmation Class

Mon **Cook for Cups**
8:00 am Men's Breakfast
2:00 pm Prophet & King Bible Study
6:00 pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting
7:00 pm Prophet & King Bible Study

Tues 6:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Property & Grounds Meeting
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm DELTS Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs
Fri **♥♥VALENTINE'S DAY ♥♥**
ICE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Sat

Sun
8:00 am Blake Donations Due
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
9:45 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
10:30 am Jesus Vibes
11:45 am Hospitality Team Meeting
4:30 pm Youth Group
Family Game Night

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

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49
Sermon: "Facing Our Giants"
Rev. Meghan Malone

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table today are given by Cori & Aaron Collier in memory of Kristin Ackerman.

TODAY IS FOUNDERS DAY!

Every February, the ENDOWMENT FUND asks our church family to share in the growth of the fund by making a loving donation in honor or memory of a loved one or special friend. What better way to show we care than to recognize loved ones with a donation! Dollars are used for the special projects throughout the church that are not covered by the Operating Budget.

Gifts may be made by cash or check made payable to UCC, Congregational, with Endowment Fund in the memo line. Gifts may also be made on the Realm app by choosing Endowment Fund in the Fund dropdown when making a gift.

In honor of Founders Day, the Endowment Committee will be hosting coffee hour after the 10:30 service today!

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT FEBRUARY 16TH

Bring your favorite board game from home and snacks to share **4:30-6pm!** Everyone is invited to come relax and have fun together in Fellowship Hall!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY

SAVE THE DATE

It's time to mark your calendars for **the Ladies and Girls Tea on Saturday, April 26th** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. More information will follow concerning the event. Ticket sales will begin in April. Please plan to attend!

FEBRUARY DONATION

February's Donation of the Month is Period Products.

During the month of February, we will collect tampons, sanitary pads, menstrual cups, and period underwear to be donated to the Medina Personal Care Pantry. Let's show our love for people who have periods this month!

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY

We're going through the books of Samuel! First and Second Samuel contain some of the most important and consequential characters of Israel: Samuel, King Saul, and King David among many others.

Continuing Mondays at 2:00 and 7:00 PM in the downstairs library, we will begin **Part 2: King David (February - March 2)**

Transitioning to King David, we reflect on his rise from shepherd to king, his complex humanity, and his legacy in Israel. This part of the series will highlight themes of vulnerability, repentance, and God's enduring grace in imperfect people.

WOMEN'S RETREAT FOLLOW UP

A group will meet on Sunday, April 6th after the 10:30 service to continue the dialog and fellowship from the retreat. All are welcome!

OUR TALENT BANK IS OPEN!

Check out our gallery wall of talents in the welcome area!

Discipleship is a journey of life-long learning, and we grow best when we learn together. Our community is full of talented members eager to share their knowledge and skills with you! From careers and computers to crafts, cooking, fitness, and hobbies, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

JACKIE'S JARS UPDATE

The December 2024 Jackie's Jars collection totaled $1412 which was donated to the Medina County Senior and Adult Foundation. Thank you, Church, for your kindness and generosity which helps so many in our community!

MEDINA ICE FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

Don't forget to check out the church's ice festival sculpture at the Medina Ice Festival next weekend!

COFFEE HOUR

Please consider hosting coffee hour one Sunday. Signups for March through May 2025 are available in the East Room hallway. Never hosted before? No worries! You'll receive a letter and a call from a Hospitality Team member should you have any questions. Hosting is to be simple, so would you please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday?

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

We have lots of openings on the Flower Chart. All of March is open along with many other opportunities! 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 **$25**, which is **due prior to the date you sponsor.** Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service.

OUR WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Level 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads are also icy. Drive very cautiously.
**Scheduled Teams, Committees, Groups: Check with chairperson, leader or Facilitator of Group.
**Worship Services: Will be held.

Level 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways.
**Church Closed.
**NO Church meetings or gatherings.
**Worship Services: Cancelled.

Level 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel.
**Church Closed.
**NO Church meetings or gatherings.
**Worship Services: Cancelled.

*if indications appear that conditions will deteriorate and move to a level 2 or 3, check the church web site, call the church office and/or chairperson. If conditions appear that they will improve, decision will be based on the level two hours before the event.

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

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11 **"A Surprising Catch"**

They had been fishing all night, but still their nets were empty. As the rays of a new day pierced the horizon, the fishermen pulled to shore and began unpacking their gear.

A teacher named Jesus was there among the shore, too, talking among all the workers. It was then Jesus turned to the fisherman named Simon and told him to cast his nets into the deep water.

Now Simon, who came from a long line of fishermen, knew where the best places to fish in Lake Gennesaret were. He didn't need advice from a stranger on how to do his job.

Simon also knew that the lake — 13 miles long and 8 miles wide — was a relatively shallow body of water. And because of its shallowness, any high wind that kicked up had the power of quickly turning placid water into raging waves. Anyone fishing Lake Gennesaret knew it was better to play it safe and stay close to the shore than venture into the deep water.

Perhaps Simon really needed a big catch, or perhaps there was something in Jesus' voice that intrigued him. Whatever it was, he mustered the courage to do what Jesus had instructed. Into the deep he went, and to his surprise and delight, he hauled a net overflowing with fish.

With waves tossing his little boat about, he squinted in the sun back towards the shore where Jesus stood and marveled. Had he not listened to Jesus and stayed safely close to shore, he would never have experienced that catch of all catches.

Let us look around our Lake Gennesaret right now.
Are we close to the shore, safe and comfortable in waters that we know, even if it means missing the chance of experiencing the great and surprising catches God has waiting for us?

Or are we ready to go into the deep, risky and murky waters of life where the most life-changing God moments are swimming around beneath our fears and doubts?

As we decide where it is we want to "fish" this day, let us remember that Jesus just didn't just tell Simon to "go to the deep water." Jesus said go AND prepare.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for something big.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for something good.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for blessings to abound.

Go into the deep with God and prepare our lives to be changed.

Gracious God, we want to experience all that You have planned for us, but to do so, we need more courage to venture into the unknown, risky and often scary waters of life. Grant us that courage and increase faith this day and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.