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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 "Prayer" - Fred B. Binckes

Cathy Fafrak, Piano

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

“Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether”

Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt. © 1925 Oxford University Press

UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.
Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al-le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al-le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this morning to consider the legacy of an ancient king,
And reflect on what makes a good leader.
 We give thanks for the story of our ancestors in faith,
whose authors could have removed the bad parts, but didn't.
 Because we often learn more from our failures,
than our successes.
 Come let us worship our God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Take Up Your Cross" – Charles W. Everest; arr. Anthony Giamanco Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 7:1-16 (O.T. pg. 268) Alice Metzloff, 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 "David's Legacy" The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

COMMUNION HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
 2 Here share with us in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood;

O Sav - ior, stay with us and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
 That liv - ing bread, that heaven-ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

You have offered yourself at this table, oh God.

We now rise in body or spirit to sing out our praise to 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.

***Give Thanks**

Christ, we thank you for your table. We thank you for the offering you made to us. May we in turn break our bodies and pour out our lives in the imitation of you. In the way that you have taught us to live. Thank you for your table. Thank you for the company around it. In your holy love, we are and we pray. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855



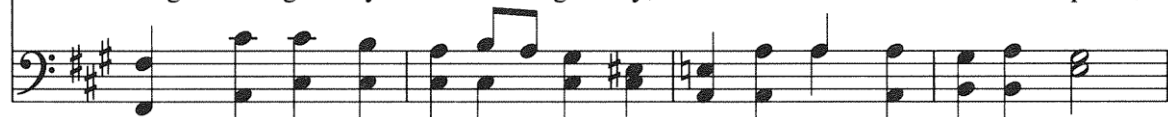
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.



***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

Prophets don't tell the future,
They tell consequence.
God's plan never involved a king,
for they take our sons for war, our daughters for court, and make their battles our battles.
Yet out of the house of David,
came our king of kings and lord of lords.
Whose kingdom is not of this world,
And whose ways are not our ways.
He comes to us still, to build his kingdom,
Never by conscription, always by invitation.
May you go and build using all the gifts given to you,
We shall face down giants with only five smooth stones.
Go! 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 "Postlude in D" - Caleb Simper/arr. Michael Ryan 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

MARCH 2, 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

March 2, thru March 9, 2025

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Blake Donation List Due
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
10:30 am Jesus Vibes
11:30 am Children's Choir
4:30 pm Youth Group

Mon 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
5:00 pm Kids Book Club

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters

7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Thurs 6:30 pm Bible Study

Fri

Sat 10:00 am **Confirmation Retreat**
The Brooklyn Exchange Club Cabin
2400 State Rd., Hinckley, OH

Sun **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Blake Donation Posted
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
10:30 am Jesus Vibes
11:30 am Children's Choir
11:45 am Mission Team
11:45 am Safety Team

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

All are welcome to this service, which includes the imposition of ashes, as we begin the Lenten journey together.

Our Lenten worship series "Entering the Passion of Jesus" begins March 9, with Sunday morning worship at 8:15, 9:00 and 10:30 AM.

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

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7: 1-16

Sermon: "David's Legacy" - Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table today are given by the Rhodes family in memory of their loved ones.

LENTEN SERIES

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES:

March 9: Introduction

March 16: Jerusalem

March 23: The Temple

March 30: Teachings

April 6: The First Dinner

April 13: The Last Supper, with Dr. Greg Carey preaching

April 13 at 4 p.m.: **Guest Speaker: Dr. Carey in the Sanctuary**

ECUMENICAL WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY AT 6 P.M.

Join us for our Wednesday Lenten series, along with St. Matthew's and St. Paul's churches.

March 12 - Jerusalem: Risking Reputation
UCC, Congregational - 217 E. Liberty St.

March 19 - Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
St. Matthew Lutheran - 400 N. Broadway St.

March 26 - Teachings: Risking Challenge
St. Paul's Episcopal - 317 E. Liberty St.

April 2 - The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
UCC, Congregational - 217 E. Liberty St.

April 9 - The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
St. Paul's Episcopal - 317 E. Liberty St.

MISSED A SERMON? OR WORSHIP?

Did you know that we have 8 years of sermons on our website?

You can find them at uccmedina.org/sermons. You can also rewatch our services on Facebook or on our website at uccmedina.org/live and also on our YouTube channel by searching "Medina UCC, Congregational"

We also have a podcast where many of our sermons are. You can find them on Spotify or Apple podcast by searching "Medina UCCC Sermons."

YOUTH LOCK-INS

This year we will have separate lock-ins for different age groups!

- **Fri. March 14:** 3rd-7th grade lock-in (Sun. March 16: 8th-12th grade only youth group)
- **Fri. April 4:** 8th-12th grade lock-in (Sun. April 6: 3rd-7th grade only youth group)

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

We have lots of openings on the Flower Chart. 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

CIRCLE OF CARING...

will be hosting COFFEE HOUR...Sun. March 9th. Circle of Caring is a ministry who keeps in touch on a regular basis with our most Senior Adult (80+years old) church members and our congregation-at-large.

Interested in serving others and knowing more about Circle of Caring?

Come speak with the Visitation Outreach, Greeting Cards Outreach, and Craft Makers groups.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on Monday, March 3rd at Buehler's River Styx at 8:00 am. Breakfast is always the first Monday of the month, and **all men of the church are invited**. No reservations required. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO USHER...

at the 10:30 am Service

Do you enjoy interacting with people, making them feel comfortable in the church environment? Then what better way to demonstrate a servant's heart, welcoming, loving and serving, than by ushering at the 10:30 am church service.

Responsibilities include:

- Greet and welcome people
- Hand out bulletins
- Familiarize first time guests with the church and assist them in finding a seat
- Collect Offerings
- Count the number of people at the church service
- Collect Friendship Pads
- Assist on Communion Sundays by passing trays of bread/juice
- Aid in preparation for baptisms
- Provide general assistance to congregation during services/funerals/ and memorial services
- Be familiar with general physical environment of the church (exits, fire extinguishers)
- Know how to respond in the event of an emergency

Ushering is a wonderful way to get to know your church family. Please consider being an usher volunteer at the 10:30 am service. Please contact the church office at 330-725-4559 if interested.

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.

LADIES TEA CANCELLED

The Ladies and Girls Tea that was scheduled for April 26, 2025, has been cancelled. Several circumstances contributed to this decision. The Tea was enjoyed for several years, and hopefully other events will be planned in the future.

MONTHLY DONATION FOR MARCH:

- o Snacks for Claggett Middle School**
- o Shelf stable and individual packages**

Please place your donations for the Mission Team in the marked bins across from the elevator by the Mission table. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Astounding Glory

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Can you recall a time when you were in a place so incredibly breathtaking that you wished you could have stayed forever? Perhaps you even began envisioning building your dream home there.

Tucked in our hearts are such places in which the very thought of them can renew our spirits. Jesus knew this. That is why he took Peter, James and John to the mountain top. He wanted them to experience the astounding glory of God — and to hold on to that experience when hard times came.

And hard times were coming.

Jesus was about to begin the last leg of his journey to the cross and, with each step taken, he knew his friends' courage would be challenged. For a brief mountain top moment, though, they would have their souls stirred.

They would see Jesus being transfigured, his face and clothing shining radiantly as he talked with the pillars of Jewish law and prophecy — Moses and Elijah. And as a divine cloud enveloped them, a voice spoke, saying, "This is my Son. Listen to him."

We can see why Peter never wanted to leave the mountain and suggested building shelters in which to reside in. But that was not to be for him. Or for us.

For my friends, our most transformative faith moments are often had in the valley lows rather than on proverbial mountain tops. Yet we do our best skirting those valleys, expending more energy to scaling mountains.

We are on the cusp of the 40-day season of Lent. It is a journey that leads us to the gates of Jerusalem where in a week's time cheers welcoming Jesus turn to jeers calling for his death.