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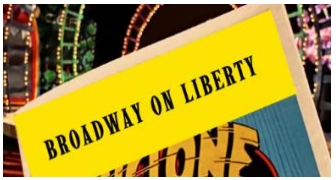

At the corner of Broadway and Liberty, we'll explore the stories that have captivated audiences for generations and discover how musicals can help us hear the gospel with fresh ears. These stories sing about love, belonging, truth, fear, hope, and what it means to be human. Because faith has always been musical.

The psalms were songs before they were scripture. Jesus taught through stories. And somewhere between a spotlight and a chorus line, Broadway keeps wrestling with the same questions people bring to church every Sunday: Who am I? Who belongs? Can people change? What story will we leave behind? In this worship series: scripture meets the stage, theology gets a soundtrack, and grace refuses to stay backstage.

**Those who are able please stand*

PRELUDE "O God, You Search Me" – Bernadette Farrell/arr. Janet Vogt Cathy Fafrak, Piano

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We start with stars in our eyes
We start believing that we belong.
But every sun doesn't rise
And no one tells you where you went wrong
Thank you for stepping out of the sun into this sanctuary,
Rather than standing outside, tapping on the stained-glass windows.
May you feel acknowledged,
By God and by Neighbor.
And maybe the trick is to begin by acknowledging God and Neighbor.
We hope to be inspired to be the change we seek in the world through this worship! Let's get to it!

***OPENING HYMN** **"On Eagle's Wings"** ON EAGLE'S WINGS Irr.

Words and music by Michael Joncas, 1979. © 1979, 199, New Dawn Music

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in God's shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. ***Refrain***

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. ***Refrain***

For to God's angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. ***Refrain***

***DAILY PRAYER**

Gracious Mystery, we step toward your light and truth. In the midst of the lies we tell ourselves and others, may we fully acknowledge the worth you see in each of us. No one deserves to be forgotten, so thanks be to you; the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. Who in Christ Jesus went right to the forgotten and made others notice. In the imitation of Christ who did the hard thing because it was the right thing, we pray in your Holy Names. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-12 *(O.T. pg. 545)* and John 1:46-49 *(N.T. pg. 87)* Deb Waldron, 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

PRAYER RESPONSE **"Jesus, Remember Me"** REMEMBER ME Irr.

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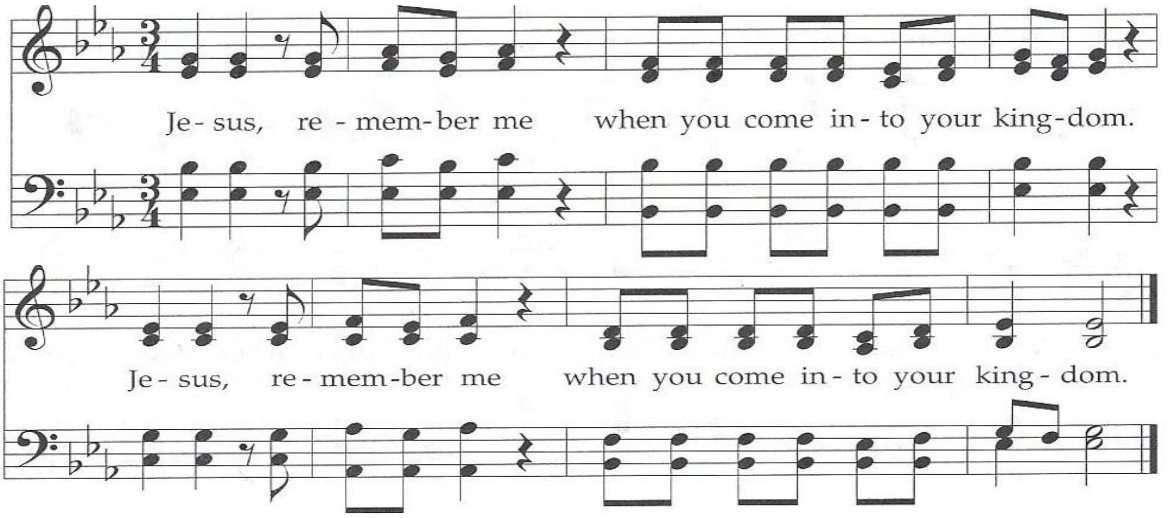
SERMON "You Will Be Found" The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

REFLECTION HYMN **"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"** HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.

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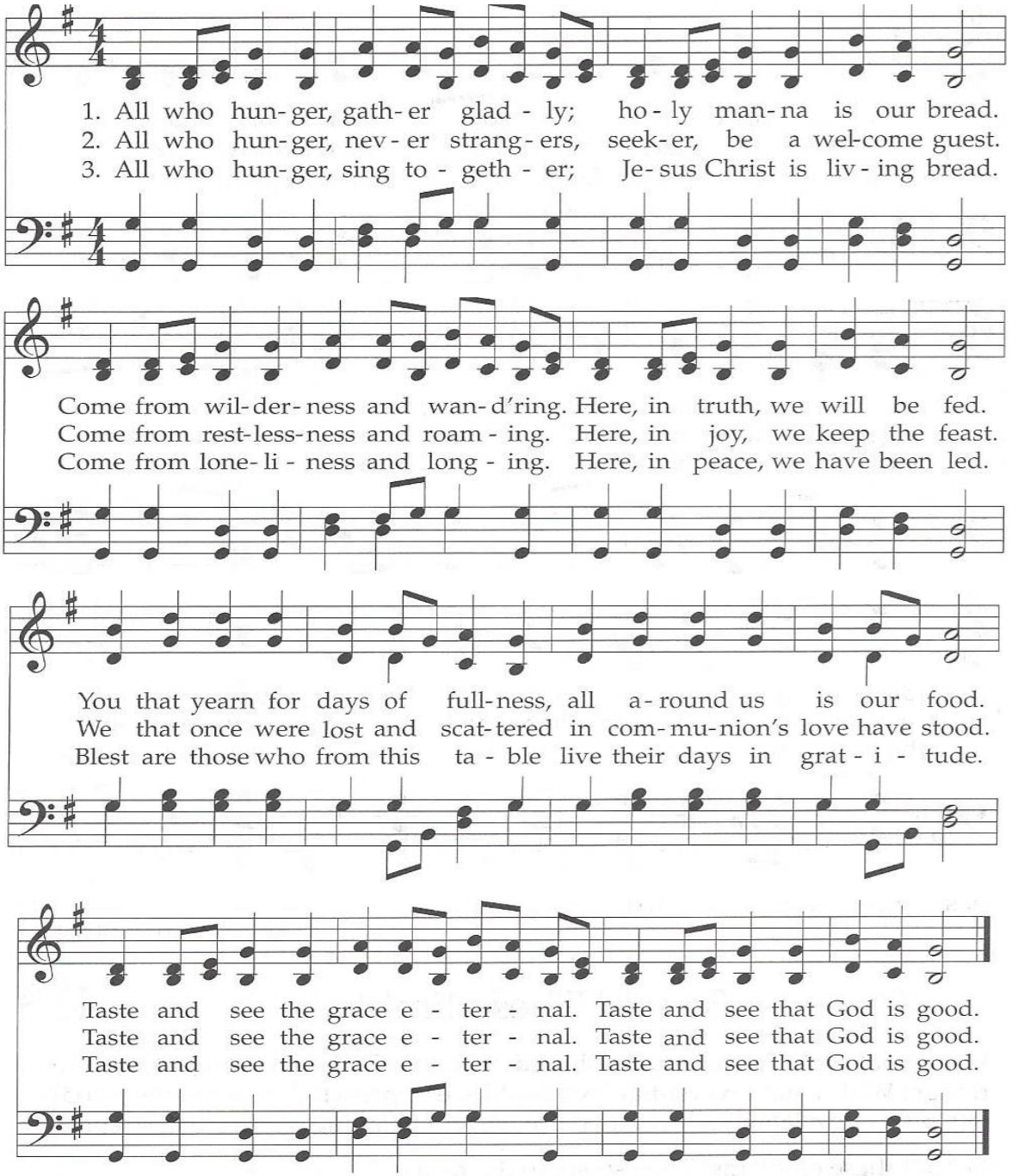
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

No one deserves to disappear.
No one deserves to flicker out or have any doubt that it matters that they are here.
At this table, we notice.
As we pass the plates, we will make sure everyone who comes is fed.
At this table, all are welcome.
For we do this in remembrance of Jesus, and his open table.
Where shall our hope come from when the dark comes crashing in?
Our help comes to us from our God, who found us through Jesus Christ, and gives us the Holy Spirit. One God, forever more.

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus, we know that if we only say the words from across the silence, our voice is heard by you and by our neighbor. May we take this table into a hurting world. May we spend time with neighbors around them. From coast to coast and around the world. May we lift our voices so that others can rise again. Finding that we, too; are risen. As you are. Thanks be to you, our God, our Christ, our Spirit. One God, forever more. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Offertory Invitation

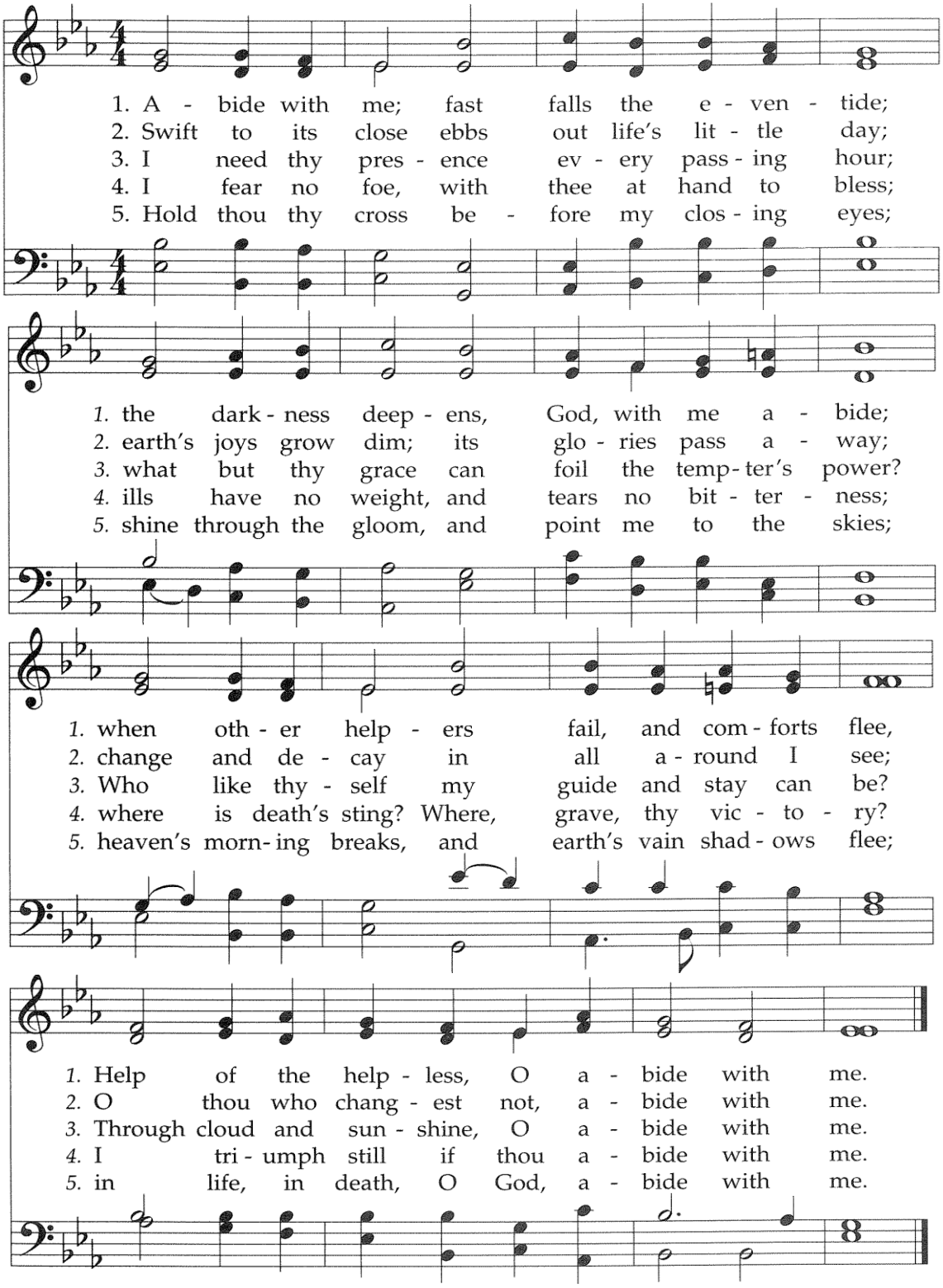
However you give, however you are led, may the meditations of your heart be pleasing to the God of all.
Let us rise in body or spirit and sing out our praise!

***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 Dedication**

God who sees us fully and loves us completely, receive these gifts as signs of gratitude and hope. Use them to reach the lonely, lift the forgotten, and remind every soul that they are known and beloved.
Make us a church where no one disappears, and where your love helps all people be found. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** **"Abide With Me"** EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.
Henry F. Lyte, 1847 *William Henry Monk, 1861*

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;
1. the dark - ness deep - ens, God, with me a - bide;
2. earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
3. what but thy grace can foil the temp - ter's power?
4. ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;
5. shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
1. when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
2. change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
3. Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
4. where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
5. heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;
1. Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
2. O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
3. Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
4. I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.
5. in life, in death, O God, a - bide with me.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

Go now into a world where many still feel unseen,
and carry with you the grace that notices, the love that stays,
and the courage to speak a word of life.
When shadows gather and the silence feels too wide,
may you remember:
no soul is lost to God,
no ache goes unnamed,
no one is beyond being found.
So go in tenderness.
Go in truth.
Go in the light of the One who knows you fully, loves you deeply,
and sends you to help others know they are not alone.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "You Will Be Found" by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul Ryan Routh, voice

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***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** "Sing to His Name!" – Gilbert M. Martin Cathy Fafrak, organ

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****There is no coffee hour for the summer months. Watch for signups in August and join us again in the fall!*

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ONA Statement

"We, the congregation of Medina United Church of Christ, Congregational seek to be followers of Jesus Christ, taking as our own his example of extravagant welcome and love of all people. As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, we welcome into our fellowship persons of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, abilities or disabilities, genders, gender identities or expression, sexual orientations, age, socioeconomic status, marital status or family structure, religious background, physical health, mental health, or any other life circumstance. All are invited to participate in the full life, ministry, leadership, worship, fellowship, and rites and sacraments of the church. In the living of these values, we hope to more fully follow Christ's commandment to love our neighbor and to create a safe space where love abounds."

Approved by unanimous congregational vote May 19, 2024

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER
AUGUST 2, 2026

"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

August 2 thru August 9, 2026
WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	10:30 am	Summer Vibes
Mon	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 pm	Spirit Moves Yoga
Tues	**10:00 am**	**AED/CPR Training**
Wed	10:30 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Gathering Band
	7:00 pm	Community Engagement Team
Thurs	6:30 pm	Bible Study
Fri		
Sat		
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	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	10:30 am	Summer Vibes
	11:30 am	Jesus Vibes Volunteer Training

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Interested in volunteering with our youth on Sunday mornings? Whether you're brand new or have been serving for years, we invite you to our upcoming volunteer training on **Sunday, August 9, right after the 10:30 AM service in the church library.** Come learn more, connect with others, and see how you can make a difference. All are welcome! If you're interested but unable to attend the training, we'd be happy to connect with you another time to share our plans and answer any questions.

Worship Highlights: 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 139:1–12 & John 1:46–49
Sermon: "You Will Be Found"
Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

Communion Table: The flowers on the communion table are given anonymously in honor of the current and past moderators.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is on Monday, August 3rd at Buehler's River Styx at 8:00 am. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR SEND-OFF

August 9th 10:30 a.m.
Join us as we wish our outgoing seniors well and send them off on their next adventure with blessings from their church family!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 16th all 3 services
Bring your backpacks to church for a special blessing and your backpack tag!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEEETING

If you have an 8th grader (or teen who is new to our church) that would like to join this year's confirmation class, please join us on Sunday, August 9th after the 10:30am service in the youth room, aka room 8 downstairs!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY
Step up to Prevent Suicide Walk

Save the Date!

The walk will take place on Sunday, September 27th at Medina Public Square. Every year, it is incredibly meaningful to see our community come together to support suicide prevention awareness, honor loved ones and remind others that they are not alone. As a WISE congregation (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged regarding mental health and neurodivergence) we are a proud sponsor of the Walk. Use this link to sign up: STEP UP TO PREVENT SUICIDE COMMUNITY WALK — Alternative Paths

HELP US BUILD A HOUSE…
We have added 2 more workdays!

The house we're sponsoring is underway and we have been given a couple more work dates.

Thursday, August 6th
Saturday, August 15th

Volunteers ages 16 & 17 are welcome as long as they are with a parent or guardian. Each workday begins at 8:30am, lunch is at 11:30am, and the end time is 2:30pm. Lunch is not provided so groups are welcome to coordinate or just have everyone pack a lunch. Habitat for Humanity will provide all the tools that will be needed. They also have safety gear such as hard hats and glasses available, but if you have your own feel free to bring them. Please dress comfortably and with the mindset of getting dirty. Boots are ideal but tennis shoes are the second-best thing. Tasks are not announced until the week of. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/HabitatMUCC

ALIVE ON THE SQUARE WORSHIP

August 23rd @ 10:30 a.m.
THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS DAY
Join us on the Square of Medina for worship and a time of fellowship and family with a picnic.
Picnic will be catered by Medina Creative Housing

AUGUST MONTHLY DONATION

Join the Mission Team in supporting Cups Collective by donating needed supplies such as: *To-go* containers, 55-60 gallon trash bags, disposable food boat trays (3lb), 6" dinner plates, 9" dinner plates, 12 oz paper bowls, creamers (single cups), sugar, to go disposable coffee cups, toilet paper, paper towels, and multi-surface cleansing wipes. Please place your donations in the marked bins across from the elevator by the Mission table. Thanks for your support!

FALL FAITH FORMATION

SEPTEMBER: We'll hit the books and fall in love with the bible again each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

We'll *Separate Church from Hate* on 9/17 at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER: We'll discuss Brian Recker's book, *Hell Bent* on 10/13 and 10/20 and then the author will visit us on Sunday, 10/25 for worship and a 3 p.m. lecture.

HIT THE BOOKS!

Come learn from the Bible for Normal People about the following:
9/8 - Multivocality
9/15 - Reading the Bible like Adults
9/22 - History of Interpretation
9/29 - Anti-Apologetics

PLEASE HELP!
ALIVE ON THE SQUARE PICNIC

Sunday, August 23

Looking for volunteers to help
A) set up tables and chairs 9:30 to 10:15AM (Church to Square)
B) pack up tables and chairs 12:30 to 1:00PM (Square to Church)

If you can help, please text or email: Sari Allen 330-421-9336 or sariamick@gmail.com or sign up here: UCC: Alive On The Square
Thank you.

If you signed up for the **AED/CPR training class** don't forget the hands-on class is on Tuesday, **August 4th at 10 a.m.** You must complete your online course before then.

CHANCEL CHOIR
& BELL CHOIR NEWS!

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir kickoff gathering is at my house at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th. Anyone interested in joining the choir or being added to the Bell Choir substitute list is welcome to attend! We will have some snacks and fellowship and then sing through some of the music for the start of the year.
New interested singers or sub ringers RSVP to Tracy Gabrielsen at tracy@uccmedina.org.

Give online at www.uccmedina.org/give
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
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August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 14:13-21

Face to Face

Carrie Breck had her hands full tending to five children while making meals, washing laundry, and knitting socks for those many little feet. And yet the young homemaker, born in 1855, found the time to write poetry — lyrical words inspired by her praises to God that were always on the tip of her tongue.

It is said that many times she wondered, while busily doing chores, what it would be like to see Christ. So, with the words from 1 Corinthians 13 on her heart that spoke of seeing through a dark glass now but then seeing the heavenly promise clearly — face to face — she began writing.

Her poem would later become the beloved hymn, "Face to Face with Christ My Savior," which was first sung in 1899.

Only faintly now I see him | With the darkened veil between | But a blessed day is coming | When his glory shall be seen.

Five thousand people once had a blessed day that came to them unexpectedly. They gathered on the mountainside hungering to hear Jesus' beautiful words of life — and found themselves soon hungering for something to silent their growling bellies.

Jesus' friends were quick to suggest sending them away to get their dinners in the surrounding villages. Jesus wouldn't have that. He told his friends to give the crowd something to eat. I could only imagine the shock on their faces as they just didn't know how they would feed such masses.

When told there was nothing but five loaves of bread and two fish on hand, Jesus had them bring the measly offering to him. It was then he blessed and broke the loaves and had the food distributed. Everyone had their fill and still there was enough leftover bread to overflow 12 baskets.

There will be a day when we will all come face to face with Christ our Savior. A day when all his glory shall be seen. But until then, we need to keep alert to the glimpses of glory that shine now in the dark. We need to train our eyes to see the God moments. We need to actively seek those God moments, for they are everywhere. Miracles still abound. There is always a measly loaf of bread in our lives waiting to bless, break and share.

Dazzling God, we know that while now we see dimly in a mirror, we will come face to face with You and all Your glory. Help us this day to live into the God moments, expecting miracles where they are least expected. May we go about our busy lives always with Your promise of provision in our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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