

June 2, 2024
Medina UCC



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*

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Prelude on a Folk Tune” – Gilbert M. Martin

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 65)

God, you visit the earth with water; you enrich the soil;
**You water everything abundantly, settling our ridges,
softening us with showers and blessing our growth.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow. The meadows clothe themselves with flocks.
The hills and valleys are singing and shouting for joy. Let us join them!

*GATHERING HYMN

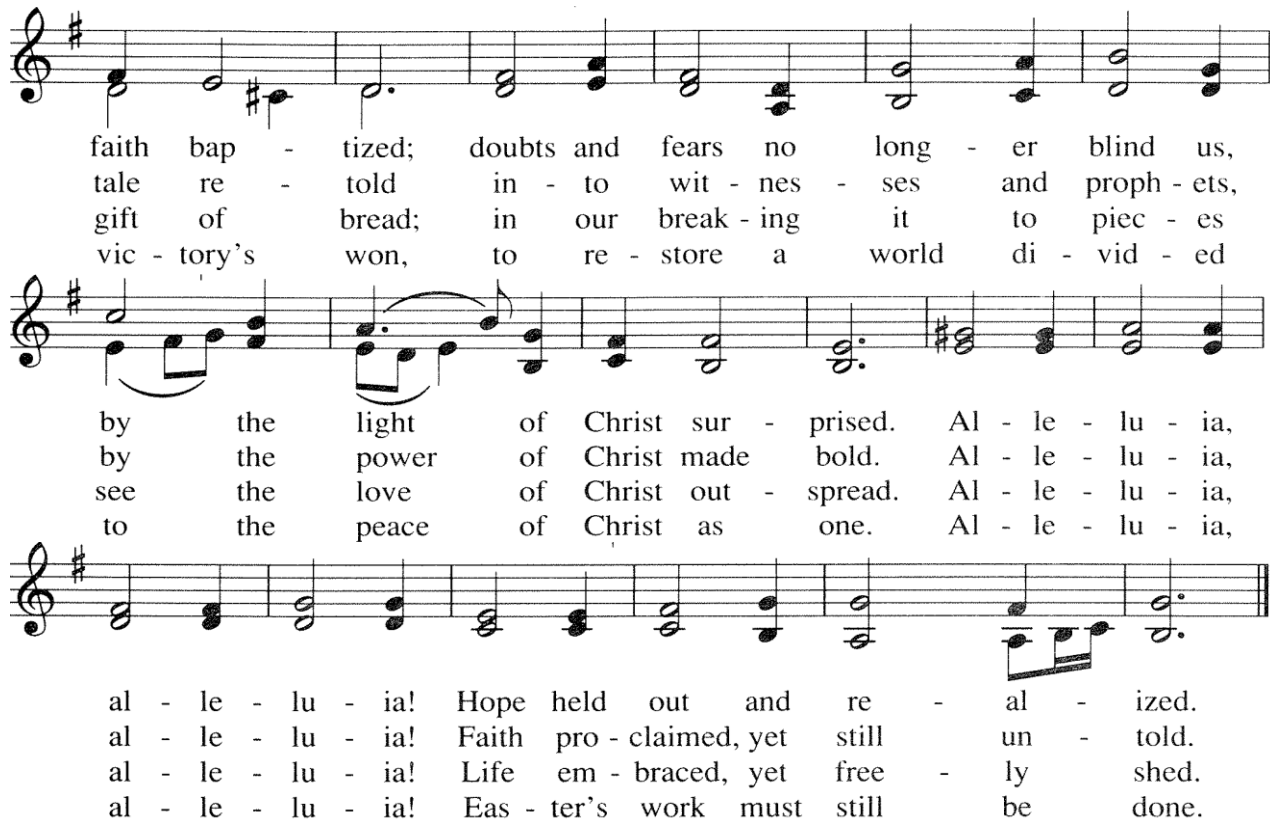
“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

Jeffrey Rowthorn, 1992 © 1991 Hope Publishing Company

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Purcell, c. 1680, arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842



1	At	the	font	we	start	our	jour -	ney,	in	the	Eas -	ter
2	At	the	pul -	pit	we	are	fash -	ioned	by	the	Eas -	ter
3	At	the	al -	tar	we	are	nour -	ished	with	the	Eas -	ter
4	At	the	door	we	are	com -	mis -	sioned,	now	the	Eas -	ter



faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed
 by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (N.T. pg. 157)

Deb Waldron, Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC "Table of Life" – Steve Angrisano

Jenny Cochran, soloist

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 "It's Time to Grow"

Rev. Meghan Malone

COMMUNION HYMN

African American spiritual

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 w/ refrain

Harm. David Hurd, 1983 © 1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

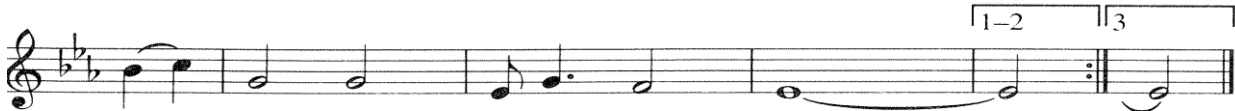


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



My God, have mer - cy on me.

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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

When we share our time, talents, and treasures, seeds of kindness are planted in our world. When we water them with love, God will grow them into gardens of joy. Now, we rise and sing!

***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**

God, we are your co-workers. Help us to build upon the foundation you've laid for us. Let us grow fields of abundant life for all your people. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
law and a land; When they were con-found - ed by their

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -

To refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
ets to o - pen their eyes.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BENEDICTION**

God is the one who gives us growth.

The Spirit is stirring and calling us.

Christ is our bread and wine, broken and poured, to nourish us.

The Spirit falls on us like rain: softening, soaking, and soothing.

Remember your baptism today. Remember that you are loved. Remember that you are called.

Wherever we wander, we will go and grow in love! 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 "Rejoicing Always" – Colin Curtis**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 2, 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 2 thru June 9, 2024

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
Mon	Cook for Cups	
	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 am	VBS
	5:00 pm	Youth Book Club
Tues	9:00 am	VBS
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed	9:00 am	VBS
	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Gathering Band Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Community Engagement Team
Thurs	9:00 am	VBS
Fri	9:00 am	VBS
	6:30 pm	Ice Cream Social on the Square
Sat		
Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	11:30 am	Safety Committee Meeting
	11:30 am	Mission Team Meeting

SAFE TRAVELS YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Please pray for a safe and meaningful week for the 17 youth and adults from our church headed to Wise County, Virginia along with friends from Hudson United Church of Christ, June 9th-15th. Our work will support the Appalachia Service Project, whose mission is making homes warmer, safer, and drier!

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Sermon: "It's Time to Grow"
Rev. Meghan Malone

Communion Table: The communion table flowers are given by Phil & Claire Nicholson in honor of their June birthdays.

GUEST SPEAKER – JUNE 9TH

Rev. Jeanette Broderon:

After starting her professional journey as a high school English teacher in her home state of South Dakota, Jeanette moved to Berkeley, California, to pursue a Master of Divinity at Pacific School of Religion. Jeanette became associate minister at First Congregational Church of Hudson in 2011 after completing a pastoral residency at Plymouth Church in Des Moines, Iowa. She and her husband, the Rev. Jon Dodson, have one energetic daughter, a cranky Siamese cat, and a feisty rescue kitten. Jeanette enjoys reading historical fiction and baking anything with chocolate.

GUEST SPEAKER – JUNE 16TH

Rev. Nayiri Karjian:

Nayiri has been serving as the General Minister of the Association since February 2018. An Armenian Christian born and raised in Aleppo, Syria, Nayiri graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Haigazian University, and Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, and with a Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA. Since her ordination in 1985 she has served UCC congregations in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Chicago, Houston, St Louis, and Colorado Springs.

SUMMER MAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

The Pilgrim Messenger will only be mailed every other week for the summer months beginning on June 9th and will run through August 22nd. Regular mailings will begin on August 22nd.

JUNE MONTHLY DONATION

This month we're collecting packs of 4-6 toilet paper rolls. Factory sealed please! Donations should be placed in the bins next to the mission table, which is across from the elevator downstairs. This month's donations will be split between the Medina Personal Care Pantry and the little free pantries around town.

SAFETY TEAM

Interested in joining the Medina UCC Safety Team? Please consider joining us for our first meeting back together since the pandemic on Sunday, June 9th at 11:30 am in the new library (downstairs by the entry way off the parking lot). If you have questions, please text (or call) Julie Gilliland at 216-990-5767 or Ken Zuehlke at 216-990-3368. We look forward to reigniting this team and bringing some new members into the group.

MISSION TEAM REPORT

In the month of May, the Mission Team, with your wonderful assistance, helped the following:

Marions Closet
Hope Recovery
Project Homes
Cups Café

Personal care items for Garfield Families

Through your pledges and offerings, we are able to plan for and help so many. Sincere thanks for the opportunity to work on this committee to act on your behalf to impact the lives of so many in our community.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on Monday, June 3rd 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!

CRAFTS READY FOR DELIVERY

Please sign out a craft for delivery on the sheet provided. Please call the recipient to make arrangements for a visit or drop off. Thank you for your help!

SAVE THE DATE ALIVE ON THE SQUARE WORSHIP

AUGUST 25TH @ 10:30 A.M.

Come one, come all, and bring a friend to "Alive on the Square" for worship **Sunday, August 25th at 10:30 am!** **Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Last July, Habitat for Humanity in partnership with the Medina County Office of Older Adults, started an 'Aging in Place' program. The purpose of this program is to serve seniors here in Medina County through completing minor repairs and modifications to their homes which will allow them to remain in their homes longer and safer. They are currently seeking volunteers to help complete these projects. If you're interested, please reach out to their volunteer coordinator, Alexis Freet, at alexis@medinacountyhabitat.org

ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

Our church will be the social host on the square, Friday, June 7th at 6 pm. The band concert will follow at 8:30 pm so bring your lawn chair. **Current needs include:**

- **14 pies** (homemade or purchased)
- 12/5 lb. bags of ice
- 4 cases of pop
- 3 cases of bottled water
- **Individually wrapped cookies/brownies**

Also, we need **people to help set up at 5 pm**, serve at 6 pm and help clean up at 8:30 pm.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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

6/2 – It's Time to Grow.

6/9 – Rev. Jeanette Broderson, Associate Pastor of Hudson UCC.

6/16 – Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Living Water Association Minister.

6/23 – Grow Through Service – Mission Trip Reflection Sunday.

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

Mark 2:23-3:6

“Stretch Out Your Hand”

Today’s passage from Mark contains two short stories about how the presence of Jesus reveals the reign of God in ordinary things. The first story concerns feeding people on the day of rest, which violates the strict laws of the religious leaders of the time. The second begins on the same day, with Jesus going to the place of worship, *again*.

You might skip quickly over the *again* that starts the story in order to get to the main action of the story when a man with a “withered hand” is healed by Jesus, another act on the sabbath day that draws the ire of the authorities.

But let’s pause here, on the *again*. The *again* tells us that this is not the first time that Jesus and the people with him have gathered here, at the place of worship. Is it the first time that they saw the man with the withered hand? We don’t know. In fact, we don’t know very much about the man, except for that one descriptor.

Perhaps the man had been “withered” since birth, and had taken up residence in the temple, impoverished and hoping to beg or borrow enough money for his sacrificial offering. Maybe the man was a busy and wealthy landowner with a recent injury who had just popped into the temple to see what all the fuss about this new teacher was about. Maybe he himself was one of Jesus’ followers, and his hand was only the object of attention for the first time that day.

But, poor or prosperous, connected or lonely, we know that he did not ask for healing. Again, we don’t know why. Maybe he had been coming to the temple every day for years hoping for healing that never came until he just gave up. Maybe he did not ask for healing because he felt he did not need it. Or maybe he did not ask, because he hadn’t yet worked up the courage. But whatever his reason, Jesus offered healing anyway.

Here you are, dear reader, in worship on a Sabbath day. Maybe you have come from a long habit, as you have week after week, almost giving up hope for healing. Maybe you feel that your life is just fine without Jesus’ healing touch, but you popped in for some other reason. Maybe you haven’t been able to articulate, even to yourself, what you need today, let alone say it aloud. Whatever the reason, Jesus extends his hand to you now and offers you healing. You don’t even have to ask. The living Christ knows what you need and offers it to you without question, conversation or negotiation. May you receive the healing that Christ extends!