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“What are We Doing Here with Vision?”



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: As we enter into this sacred place, put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts. Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect. This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

Many Voices; We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be to this place, trusting in faith that the God of all creation meets us here in love.

***Singing** "Welcome" W&S 3152

Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Thank you for your prayers, presence, and gifts!
Last Week's Attendance:
80 in person + 18 online
Last Week's General Fund Gifts:
\$1965.00
Last Week's Expenses:
\$5,181
Last Week's Ridge Road Gifts:
\$880.00

Want to support Helping Hands Food Pantry but don't have time to shop? You can provide financial support in any amount and Food Pantry volunteers will do the shopping! Here's the difference your dollars can make:
\$13 = the monthly milk, eggs and meat for one Pantry family
\$75 = the monthly eggs for all 32 Pantry families
\$80 = the monthly milk for all 32 Pantry families
\$200 = the monthly meat for all 32 families
Your donation is tax deductible and will be included on your MUMC giving statement. Just indicate "Food Pantry" on your memo line or on your offering envelope. If you have any questions, see Chris Vause.



- 21 Kiera Wences
- 22 Lauren Bivens
- 23 Julie Geyer
- 25 Rae Cichon
- 25 Piper Gunderson
- 25 Eli Bivens
- 25 Brendon McGrath



- 23 Brad & Val Gunderson
- 24 Dick & Teri Parrish
- 24 Laverne & Johanna Spencer

Ridge Road Bricks
The Ridge Road Brick campaign continues as we finish the the construction of the church. The purchase of a brick(s) is a means to honor or remember important people in our lives. Funds from the purchase of these bricks will be utilized to complete our Ridge Road Development. The tentative plan is to include the engraved bricks in the design of our Sacred Garden. Forms for ordering are available on the usher table or in the pocket file on the office door. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vause or Claude Crawshaw.

What's Next?
What does it mean to be part of Minooka UMC? Have coffee with Pastor Dave to ask questions and learn more about the church, including the next steps for being involved. Join him
Sunday, April 28th after worship at 10:45AM.

Come join us on Wed. April 24th @ 7PM at The Starbucks on Rt. 6 for **Skeptic's Circle!** We will discuss all the topics you were taught not to question. Contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - The book selection for April is <i>The Little Liar</i> by Mitch Albom <i>Meets at Ridge Road</i>	Monday 4/22 @ 7:00PM
Bible Study Reading "What does it mean to be chosen?" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. <i>Location: Ridge Road</i>	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Women's Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM

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SUNDAY 21ST

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 22ND

TUESDAY 23RD

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (DATE CHANGE)

WEDNESDAY 24TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE-STARBUCKS

THURSDAY 25TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 26TH

SATURDAY 27TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday April 28th @ 10:45AM—What's Next?
- ~Wednesday May 8th @ 10:30AM—Park Pointe Rehab Service (Morris)
- ~Monday May 13th @ 1:30PM—Afternoon Circle



Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its
voice,

Refrain

Crying welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Conversing With Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Loving and Creating God, to you belong praise, glory,
honor, and all blessing. For our brother the sun, who is our day
and who brings us the light, who is fair and radiant with great
splendor, we thank you.
For our sister the moon, and for the stars, which you have set clear
and lovely in heaven, we thank you, God.
For our sibling the wind, and for air and clouds, calms and all
weather, we thank you, God.
For our sibling water, who serves us and is humble and precious,
we thank you, God.
For our sibling fire, by whom you light up the night, and who is fair
and merry, and mighty and strong, we thank you, God.
For our mother the earth, who sustains us and keeps us, and
brings forth various fruits, grass, and flowers of many colors, we
thank you, God.
(Adapted from Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)
[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Hear our prayer and teach us to be at peace with ourselves, our neighbors, and our enemies. Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529 v1,3,5

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 3

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Reading Scripture Mark 3:13-19; 31-35 (The Voice) Lay Reader

¹³ Jesus called together a select group of His followers and led them up onto a mountain. ¹⁴ There He commissioned them the twelve. [Later He calls them His emissaries.] He wanted them to be with Him. He sent them out to spread the good news ¹⁵ and to cast out evil spirits [and heal diseases].

¹⁶ Here are the names of the original twelve: Simon (whom Jesus called Peter, meaning "the rock"), ¹⁷ James and John (the sons of Zebedee, whom Jesus called "the Sons of Thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew (the tax collector, also called Levi), Thomas, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon of Canaan (who was also called "the Zealot"), ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot (who one day would betray Jesus to the authorities in Jerusalem so God's purpose could be fulfilled).

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Who is My Mother? Who is My Brother?

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Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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³¹ When Jesus' mother and brothers arrived, they couldn't break through the crowd, so they sent word in to Jesus that He should come out to them. ³² The crowd was pressed in tight around Him when He received the message, "Your mother and brothers [and sisters] are waiting outside for You."

³³ Jesus looked around.

Jesus (answering them): Who are My mother and brothers? He called into the silence. No one spoke. ³⁴ At last His gaze swept across those gathered close, and Jesus smiled.

Jesus: You, here, are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is My true family.

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "What are We Doing Here with Vision?" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "Who is My Mother? Who is My Brother?" TFWS #2225

Verse 1

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather 'round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people, born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

Differently abled, differently labeled
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas
All come together round Jesus Christ.

Verse 3

Love will relate us color or status
Can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human derailings
All are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Verse 4

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
We claim each other, 'round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
Kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader

Many Voices: Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you show us. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. Amen.

***Singing** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH #304

Verse 1

Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Verse 2

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
To triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Verse 3

Every day to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave: "Go into all the world," said Jesus;

Many Voices: We go to make His loving words heard.

Pastor Dave: "What you do for the least, you do for Me," said Jesus;

Many Voices: We go to make His loving deeds seen.

Pastor Dave: "I will never drive away any who come to me," said Jesus;

Many Voices: We go to make His loving invitation known. May the love of God fill our hearts and make us one with God, one with all of God's children, one with all creation. May we grow in that love now and always. Amen.

Exiting Music