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"All You Need is..."



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming

Preparing

***Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: We gather from near and far. Some may be weary, some may be excited, but we are all ready to worship the God we know in Jesus the Christ

Many Voices: We sit side by side, sharing the same bread drawn from the same Source of Life to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.

Reader: Standing together we share in the same Spirit, the Mother of All.

Many Voices: That same Font of Wisdom draws us together in friendship, justice, and peace. Amen.

***Singing** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
 TFWS #2223

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians
 By our love, by our love;
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians
 By our love.

Thank you for your
prayers, presence, and gifts!

Last Week's Attendance:
 89 in person + 26 online

A NOTE FROM KATIE

It has been so special to be a part of the MUMC family for the past 5 years. Although I have been given many blessings and words of thanks over the years I was still overwhelmed by the outpouring of gratitude at the service on Sunday April 28th. I was deeply touched by the recognition I received and by the very generous gift. I cannot say thank you enough for the kindness and all the beautiful sentiments from those that I spoke to after the service. I am truly blessed by all of you. I wish you, your families and the church all the best.

Katie Wojcieszak

Join us at **Afternoon Circle** Monday 5/13 at 1:30PM. All women of our congregation are welcome to join us. We will read and talk about many of the women found in the Bible.



5	Thomas McGrath
6	Noah Hinds
8	Mia McCammon
9	Christine Yenser
10	Anita Reiss
12	Keane Brockman
12	Dale Nave



4	Jay & Karen Hinds
12	Johnny & Kim Algauer

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.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have four hours per month to serve others at our Helping Hands Food Pantry? Helping Hands is our church-based community food pantry, a collaborative between Minooka UMC and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It is run entirely by volunteers from our two congregations. Food Pantry hours are on the second Saturday, second Monday and second Tuesday of each month from roughly 9am-12 noon. Saturday hours are shorter. You don't have to commit every month. Please see Mari Kirsch or Jeannette Harris for more info..

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Book Club will resume 06/24	No Meeting 05/27
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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*This Week
at a Glance*

SUNDAY 5TH

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

MONDAY 6TH

TUESDAY 7TH

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH

10:30AM PARK POINTE REHAB SERVICE (MORRIS)
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
6:00PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30PM SPRC MEETING

THURSDAY 9TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 10TH

SATURDAY 11TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Monday May 13th @ 1:30PM—Afternoon Circle
- ~Wednesday May 15th @11:30AM—Senior Luncheon
- ~Wednesday May 22nd @ 6:30PM—The Skeptics Circle



Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Refrain)

Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Refrain)

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
(Refrain)

Conversing With Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Your love, Redeeming God, is an active love: engaged,
involved, immersed. Your love is seen in what you do:

- in the blessing of children;
- in the meals with outcasts;
- in the touching of the untouchable;
- in your presence and your self-giving;
- in your opening of the way of life to all.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: And your love, Source of Life, is expressed through people
like us:

- as we share our wealth in simplicity and generosity;
- as we share wholeness in care and healing of the sick and broken;
- as we share hospitality by being truly present to the lonely, the
imprisoned, and the marginalized;
- as we share peace in kindness, listening, and acceptance with
those who challenge us, confront us, and threaten us

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: As you have loved us, Generous God, may we learn to be little incarnations through whom your love is expressed and experienced in action. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "Eat This Bread" UMH #628(x3)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.

Reading Scripture John 15:9-17 (The Voice) Lay Reader

⁹ I have loved you as the Father has loved Me. Abide in My love. ¹⁰ Follow My example in obeying the Father's commandments and receiving His love. If you obey My commandments, you will stay in My love. ¹¹ I want you to know the delight I experience, to find ultimate satisfaction, which is why I am telling you all of this. ¹² My commandment to you is this: love others as I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater way to love than to give your life for your friends. ¹⁴ You celebrate our friendship if you obey this command. ¹⁵ I don't call you servants any longer; servants don't know what the master is doing, but I have told you everything the Father has said to Me. I call you friends. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done. ¹⁷ This is My command to you: love one another.

Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

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Eat This Bread

As We Gather at Your Table

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Verse 3

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
In projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
Our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
That all should share, create, and care, and know that life is
good.

Verse 4

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
A presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

Proclaiming

"All You Need is..."

Pastor Dave

***Singing**

"As We Gather at Your Table"

TFWS #2268

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table,
As we listen to Your word,
Help us know, O God, Your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve You,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave;
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save.

Verse 3

Gracious Spirit, help us
Summon other guests
To share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy
Blind us nor will pride
Our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of the far-flung universe and who is yet closer than our own heartbeat: we long to dwell in your love, abiding in you and you abiding in us. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, bless our efforts to share your love in the world. Amen.

Celebrating Communion

Pastor Dave: God be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

Pastor Dave: Open your hearts.

Many Voices: We open them to God and to each other.

Pastor Dave: It is right that we give our thanks and praise, Eternal One, for you create the world and call it good, indeed very good, and you create us in your image, calling us to love all our neighbors. Yet we resist our purpose. So you send prophets and teachers to call us to your way of wholeness. Yet we resist them. In Jesus, your love is embodied in human flesh, drawing us back to you and to each other. So we join our voices with all creation in praising you:

Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy Host of all the beauty in our lives and in the world, we know of love through you.

Pastor Dave: Rejected by religious and political leaders who refused to listen, Jesus was crucified and died the death of one cast off by society. Enduring the loss of all that was most dear, you overcame the powers of evil and death, shattering the tomb of shame and raising Jesus to life again within the beloved community.

Many Voices: Crucified and risen, Jesus is our hope and embodies the resistance to all that opposes your rule. Compelling us to pray for peace, justice, and wholeness for all creation.

Pastor Dave: As your Spirit touches these gifts of bread and wine, may they be for us the living presence of Christ. May your Spirit transform us as we receive them, that we might be the Body of Christ in this world, by the power of your inclusive Spirit at work in the beloved community of your church, now and forever.

Many Voices: Amen.

Pastor Dave: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Jesus said, "Come to me and never be hungry; trust in me and never thirst."

Many Voices: So we eat and we drink and we remember and we live lives of resurrection love. Amen.

[The United Methodist Church offers open Communion. That means all are welcome at this table. Today we serve by intinction: lightly dip the piece of bread into the cup then eat. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free. Walk down the center aisle to receive; return via side aisles.]

*Singing

"How Can We Name a Love"

UMH #111

Verse 1

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
Indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found,
Hid in the common place.

Verse 2

If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
That asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
We can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.