

## When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - Monday, February 23rd @ 7pm  
"The House in the Cerulean Sea" By T.J. Klune
- Chair Yoga** - Mondays @ 11:45am  
Thursdays @ 5:30pm
- FaithTalk Bible Study** - Tuesdays @ 12:00pm
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday February 12th @ 12:00pm
- Line Dancing** - Mondays @ 1:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle** - Tuesday, February 10th @ 6:30pm  
*Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co.  
27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL*
- Youth Group** - Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Lent Bible Studies begin February 19th, 22nd and 24th

### **LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER	GAIL GIRARD
SONG LEADERS	RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD, SUSAN SPENCER

### **CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LEAD PASTOR	REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA
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## The Gospel According to Salt and Light



## Welcome!

## Minooka United Methodist Church

## Sunday, February 8, 2026 9:30am

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**February 8, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: Found Family, why are you here?

**Many Voices: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

Reader: People of God, who do you worship?

**Many Voices: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

Reader: Friends, how do you worship?

**Many Voices: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

Reader: Beloved, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

**Many Voices: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth!**

**\*SINGING**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UM Hymnal #519

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing,  
 Till earth and heaven ring,  
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
 Let our rejoicing rise  
 High as the list'ning skies,  
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith  
 That the dark past has taught us;  
 Sing a song full of the hope  
 That the present has brought us;  
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
 Let us march on till victory is won.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 8TH**

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT

**MONDAY 9TH**

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU  
 1:00PM LINE DANCING WITH TOMMIE

**TUESDAY 10TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY  
 6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE @ BRICK & IVY

**WEDNESDAY 11TH**

10:30AM PARK POINTE WORSHIP SERVICE  
 12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON  
 4:15PM OUTREACH MEETING  
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 12TH**

12:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT  
 5:30PM CHAIR YOGA WITH KATY

**FRIDAY 13TH**

**SATURDAY 14TH**



**Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!**

**Attendance February 1st at MUMC**  
 In person: 68 online: 19  
**General Fund Giving for 2/1: \$3,698.48**  
**Total giving in all for 2/1: \$3,863.48**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

8 Margaret Lyons  
 9 Anna Geyer  
 9 William Kohler  
 11 Cindy Gossen  
 13 Michael Beitler

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

12 Claude & Karen Crawshaw

**\*SINGING** "Bring Forth Kingdom" The Faith We Sing #2190

Verse 1

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

**\*SENDING FORTH  
EXITING MUSIC**

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way  
That with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path  
Through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light;  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
Our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine  
Of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYING

Lay Reader

#### *Introduction*

Contemplative prayer is a way of being aware of God who is always present. Breath prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that reminds us that praying is as natural as breathing. Our breath supports all our movements, allowing more flexibility, strength, and endurance. Prayer is no different; our breathing supports our practice.

Breath prayer can be used at almost any time. You might practice it first thing in the morning, or in the midst of household chores, or even while driving (but keep your eyes open!). Breath prayer can be really helpful when you become anxious, frustrated, or scared.

As with any contemplative prayer practice, distractions will happen. Be patient with them and with yourself. When distractions happen, acknowledge them then gently return your attention toward God.

#### *Practice*

Find a posture that allows you to be relaxed and alert. Place your feet flat on the floor and your hands comfortably in your lap. Close your eyes and take a few slow, deep breaths. Today, Psalm 46:10 is our guide: "Be still and know that I am God."

First round try whispering the phrase in time with your breathing. Repeat the prayer allowing the words to settle into a regular rhythm:

Breathe in: Be still and know;

Breath out: that I am God.

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

#### Verse 2

Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### Verse 3

All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### GIVING

Pastor Dave



### BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Liberating God, you call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words and ritual. Receive our offering as a sign of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. Use us and these gifts we bring to make hope take root where despair has reigned. Amen.**

Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

<sup>13</sup> "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

<sup>14-16</sup> "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

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**\*SINGING**

"This Little Light of Mine"

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Second round try saying the phrase silently to yourself:

Breathe in: Be still and know;

Breath out: that I am God.

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

Third round continue saying the prayer silently; try resting in

God's presence without the phrase:

Breathe in: Be still and know;

Breath out: that I am God.

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

Leader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us saying...[Lord's Prayer UM Hymnal #894]

**\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #581

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Verse 1

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

Verse 2

Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
In it's height and depth of greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant life to share.

Verse 4

Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live.

**READING SCRIPTURE**

Lay Reader

Isaiah 58:1-10 (The Voice); Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

Isaiah 58:1-10 (The Voice)

**58 Eternal One:** Tell My people about their wrongdoing;  
shout with a voice like a trumpet;  
Hold nothing back: say this people of Jacob's line and  
heritage have failed to do what is right.

<sup>2</sup> And yet they look for Me every day. They *pretend to want*  
to learn what I teach,  
As if they are indeed a nation good and true, as if they  
hadn't really turned their backs on My directives.  
They even ask Me, *as though they care*, about what I want  
them to be and do, as if they really want Me in their lives.

<sup>3</sup> **People:** Why didn't You notice how *diligently* we fasted  
before You?

We humbled ourselves *with pious practices* and You  
paid no attention.

**Eternal One:** *I have to tell you*, on those fasting days,  
all you were *really* seeking was your own pleasure;  
Besides you were busy *defrauding people and* abusing  
your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Your *kind of fasting is pointless*, for it only leads  
to *bitter quarrels, contentious backbiting*, and vicious  
fighting. You are not fasting today because you want Me to  
hear your voice.

<sup>5</sup> What kind of a fast do I choose? Is a true fast simply  
*some religious exercise* for making a person feel miserable  
and woeful? Is it about how you bow your head (like  
a *bent* reed), how you dress (in sackcloth), and where you sit  
(in a bed of ashes)? Is this what you call a fast, a day the  
Eternal One finds good and proper?

<sup>6</sup> No, what I want in a fast is this:  
to liberate those tied down and held back by injustice,  
to lighten the load of those heavily burdened,  
to free the oppressed and shatter every type of  
oppression.

<sup>7</sup> A fast *for Me* involves sharing your food with people  
who have none, giving those who are homeless a space in  
your home, Giving clothes to those who need them, and not  
neglecting your own family.

<sup>8</sup> Then, *oh then*, your light will break out like the *warm,*  
*golden rays of a rising sun*; in an instant, you will be healed.  
Your rightness will precede *and protect* you;  
the glory of the Eternal will follow and defend you.

<sup>9</sup> Then when you do call out, "*My God, Where are You?*"  
The Eternal One will answer, "*I am here, I am here.*"

If you remove the yoke of oppression *from the downtrodden*  
*among you*, stop accusing others, and do away with mean  
and inflammatory speech,

<sup>10</sup> If you make sure that the hungry and oppressed have all  
that they need, then your light will shine in the darkness,  
And even your bleakest moments will be bright as a clear  
day.