



**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING** Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING** Lay Reader

Reader: Found Family, in our gathering today let us open our minds to the challenge of reason.

**Many Voices: We open our hearts to the healing of love and we open our lives to the comfort of joy.**

Reader: Astonished by the miracle of life, grateful for the gift of fellowship, and confident in the power of living faith,

**Many Voices: we gather today to worship and praise, to be challenged and nurtured, and to be sent forth into the world with love. Amen!**

**\*SINGING** "Welcome" Worship&Song #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,

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 10TH**

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

**MONDAY 11TH**

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU

**TUESDAY 12TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY  
 6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

**WEDNESDAY 13TH**

10:30AM WORSHIP AT PARK POINTE  
 4:00PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING  
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
 6:16PM ASP TEAM MEETING  
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 14TH**

12:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**FRIDAY 15TH**

**SATURDAY 16TH**

**Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!**  
**Attendance May 3rd at MUMC**  
 In person: 63 online: 25  
**General Fund Giving for 5/3: \$3,399.99**  
**Total giving in all for 5/3: \$4,729.99**

**Happy Birthday!**

**Happy Anniversary!**

12 Dale Nave  
 12 Jeff Spencer  
 14 Adrienne Hartman

12 Johnny & Kim Allgaeuer  
 14 Glen & Sydney Yunker

## Plant a Vegetable for the Food Pantry

As you plan your home garden this season, please consider planting one extra vegetable plant to help support our Helping Hands Food Pantry. When it's time to harvest, you can donate the extra produce so neighbors in need can enjoy fresh, healthy food.

· Great options to plant: peppers, cucumbers, zucchini/summer squash, green beans, carrots, onions (veggies that can be stored in the refrigerator until pantry day)

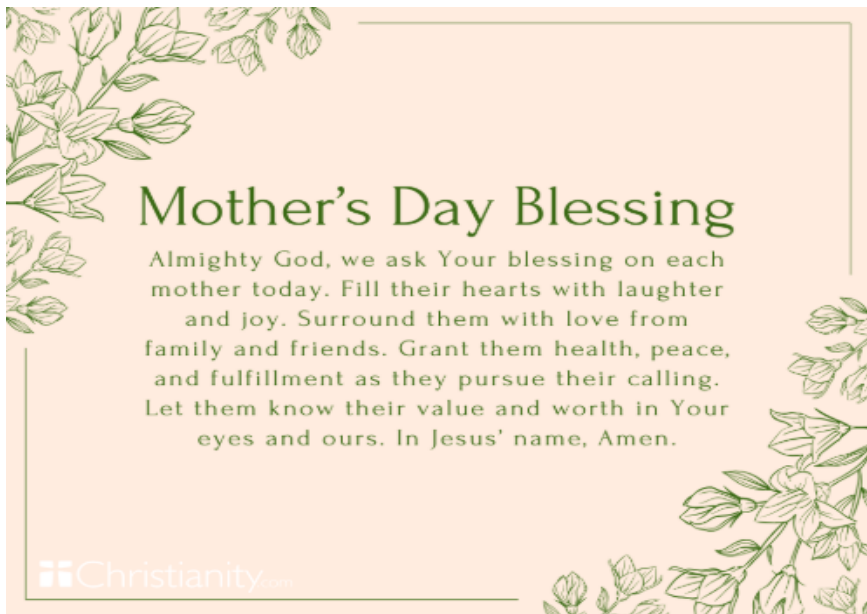
· Harvest a little at a time: even small donations add up

How to donate: Please bring your extra produce to Church on Sundays. If you'd like to coordinate a pick-up or have questions about what's most needed, contact Chris Vause at 815-409-5599. Thank you for helping us grow a stronger community—one plant at a time.

## MAY 31st is CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is always one of the best days in the life of the church. Young people publicly profess their faith in God, their desire to follow God in the Way of Jesus, and their willingness to do so as members of this congregation.

On Confirmation Sunday we celebrate commitments made—by the teenagers, by their parents, and by the entire congregation. Everybody has a vital role to play on Confirmation Sunday! So plan now to participate in worship Sunday, May 31st.



## 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

#### *Introduction*

Breath prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that reminds us that praying is as natural as breathing. Breath prayer is a bodily expression of worship that assists us in engaging our whole selves.

Think of it as if you're breathing in God's Spirit with the oxygen in the air. Then as you hold your breath you hold your sense of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Then you're breathing out your anxieties with the carbon dioxide so that you can live freely in God's loving presence and power.

Breath prayer can be used at almost any time. You might find it 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's phrase: "Womb of Life, we rest in you."

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: Womb of Life

Breathe out: we rest in you

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Second round try saying the phrase silently to yourself:

Breathe in: Womb of Life

Breathe out: we rest in you

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Third round continue saying the prayer silently; try resting in God's presence without the phrase:

Breathe in: Womb of Life

Breathe out: we rest in you

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

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

**\*SINGING** "Bless the Lord" The Faith We Sing #2013

Bless the Lord my soul  
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul  
who leads me into life.

(3X)



**Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed!**

We're getting ready for VBS (July 19–23, 5:30–8:15 PM) and are looking for Station Leaders to help make the week a meaningful and fun experience for our kids!

What does a Station Leader do?

You'll oversee your station's materials, setup, and cleanup—and don't worry, you'll have extra helpers assigned to support you!

Bible Stories – Bring the stories to life with energy and creativity

Imagination Station (Science/Crafts) – Lead hands-on activities tied to the daily theme

Games – Organize outdoor games that connect to the lesson

Music/Sticky Scripture – Co-lead songs and memory verses

Camera/Slideshow – Capture the week and create a closing slideshow

Additional Ways to Help:

On-Site Nurse – Assist with minor medical needs

Prep Team – Help with decorations, supplies, and donations

Logistics – Support setup and cleanup before and during VBS

Interested? Contact Katrina Nolan at (815) 715-7640 or

katrinanolan17@outlook.com to sign up!

For VBS this year, we are excited to collaborate with our neighbors from Channahon UMC and Resurrection Lutheran. Our combined VBS will be at Channahon UMC.

**\*SINGING**

“Hymn of Promise”

UM Hymnal #707

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise;  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There’s a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**EXITING MUSIC**

**READING SCRIPTURE**

Lay Reader

Genesis 2:1-3 (The Voice)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Common English Bible)

Genesis 2:1-3

**2** So now you see how the Creator swept into being the *spangled* heavens, the earth, and all their hosts *in six days*. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day—with the canvas *of the cosmos* completed—God paused from His labor and rested. <sup>3</sup> Thus God blessed day seven and made it special—*an open time for pause and restoration, a sacred zone of Sabbath-keeping*, because God rested from all the work He had done in creation that day.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the LORD your God commanded: <sup>13</sup> Six days you may work and do all your tasks, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Don’t do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that your male and female servants can rest just like you. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That’s why the LORD your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day.

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

**Back to the Beginning! Rest & Resist**

**\*SINGING**

“Womb of Life” The Faith We Sing #2046

Verse 1

Womb of life, and source of being,  
Home of every restless heart,  
In your arms the worlds awakened;  
You have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather round you,  
At the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
We are nurtured by your care.

Verse 2

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
Born to bring us second birth,  
You have come to stand beside us,  
Knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
Risen Christ come stand among us,  
Send the Spirit by your breath.

Verse 3

Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
Be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us, aid the birthing  
Of the new world yet to be,  
Free of servant, Lord, and Master,  
Free for love and unity.

Verse 4

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner;  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
We would praise your name forever,  
One in three, and three in one.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
Share your word of world made new,  
Ever singing, ever praising,  
One with all, and one with you.

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS and MUSIC with PRAYER** Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. We offer these gifts today as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that all people are of sacred worth. Amen.**