

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34

Breaking Chains

When Paul and Silas broke the walls that bound them, they created a new life not just for themselves but for the other prisoners and the jailers, as well. Suddenly, everyone in the story began thinking of themselves and their place in the world in a transformed way. Like the transformed people in the story of Paul and Silas, as old walls and ways of being crumble, many churches and conferences are opening themselves up to a new way of being and doing in the world.

In recent years many UCC Conferences have gone through the wrenching process of letting go of their beloved church camps, for a variety of reasons. Tears have been shed over these decisions, because of the poignant memories and formative faith experiences that have taken place at these camps. Many clergy are camp alumni; they felt their call to ministry in the beauty of nature among extraordinary people.

After the tears, one such camp alum felt propelled by the Holy Spirit to start a non-profit to purchase and operate Camp Mimanagish in central Montana. Rev. Cathy Barker, with her husband, Rev. Dick Weaver, started talking with others who love that particular sacred space. The group sent out a "What If" survey to gauge the interest in seeing Mimanagish into a new future.

Within months the working group had founded and incorporated Singing Waters Montana, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The group consulted extensively with the U.S. Forest Service, who manage the land, sharing their vision of becoming "A Camp for those who have no Camp." Mimanagish alumni lent their expertise in fundraising and Singing Waters Montana raised over half a million dollars for the purchase and maintenance of the facility.

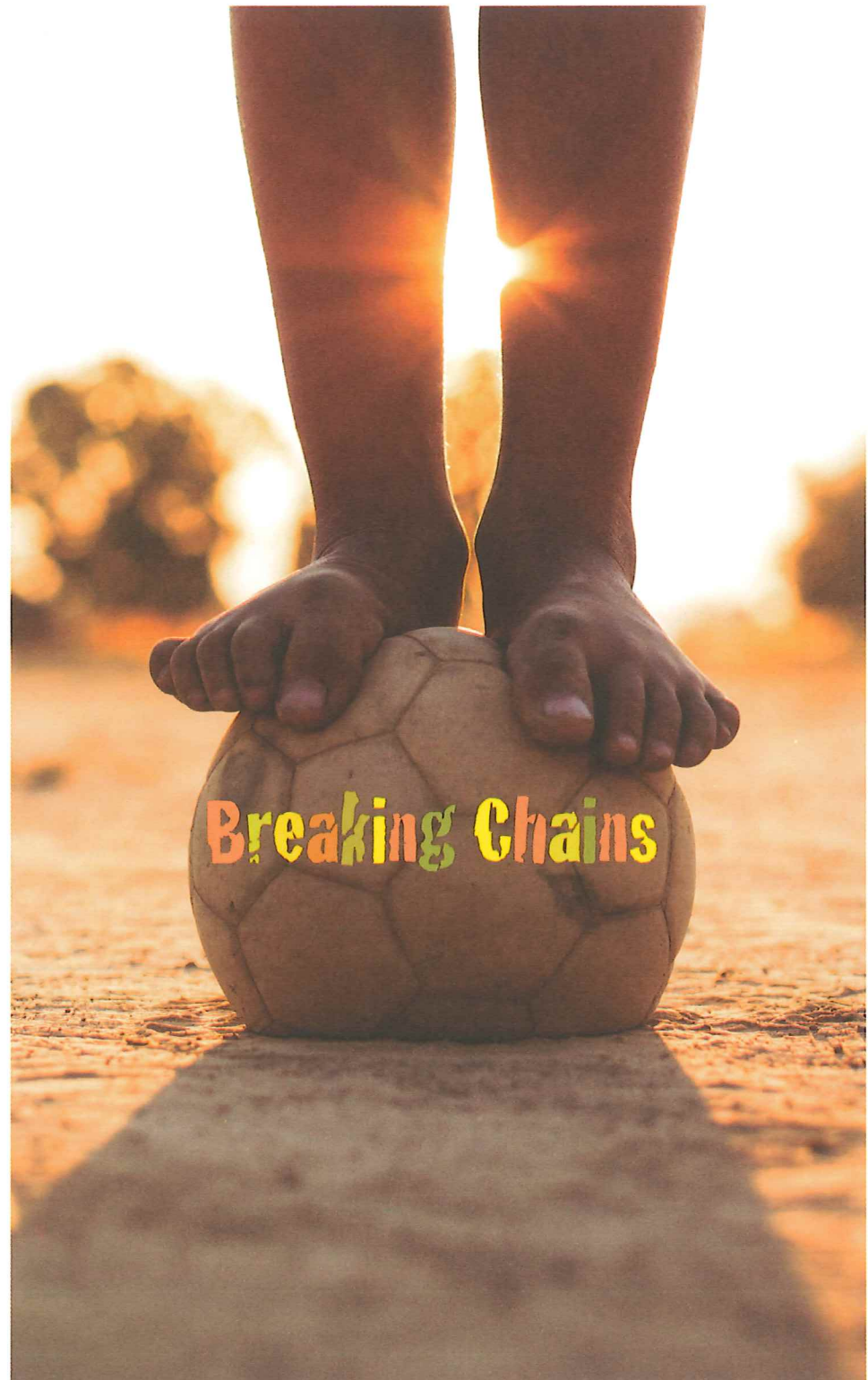
At the Dedication Celebration on July 31, 2021, over 50 people, including UCC Conference leaders, honored the past and shared hopes for the future. In addition to faith communities, this lovely wilderness retreat on the Boulder River will host recovery groups, veterans, LGBTQ+ support groups, youth de-stress weeks, Foster and Adoptive Family Camps, and more. Fishing, Art, and Music will round out the schedule. The welcome will be wide.

When the Holy Spirit is leading, anything can happen!



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May 29, 2022 at 10 AM 7th Sunday of Easter
Pastor: Rev. Gretchen Deeg | Liturgist: Sofia Augustadt
Accompanist: Joanne Otterness | Video: David Augustadt

NO MATTER Sing! 35

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Let the earth rejoice!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN Praise with Joy the World's Creator NCH 273

SCRIPTURE Psalm 97 (Inclusive Bible Translation)

CONFESSION

Creating God, in our selfishness and insecurity, we have traded your calling for our comfort, your covenant for our conventions, your care and our convenience, and your promise for our plans. Forgive us, we pray. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know you and by knowing you we may once again be made whole. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

BAPTISM Micah James Crannell (Child of Nick & Andrea)
We covenant with you on behalf of your child. We rejoice in the hope and love which he represents. We unite with you to labor and pray for his spiritual growth, that he may know and trust the goodness of God. On behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, we welcome him.

HYMN Child of Blessing, Child of Promise NCH 325

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:16-34 & John 17:17-26

SERMON

HYMN Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free Sing! 108 sung 2x

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Go My Children, with My Blessing NCH 82 verses 1-2

CARRY GOD'S LOVE

Thank You for Worshiping with Us!

Although we do not "pass the plate" during worship, your offerings are essential for the ongoing ministry of this congregation. Donations can be made using this QR code, online at www.uccbismarck.org/donate, mailed to the church, or placed in the box at the sanctuary doors.



Pastoral Care - May 30 through June 3

Pastor Gretchen will be enjoying some time off. If a pastoral care emergency comes up, please contact Camille Grothier at 701-425-4256.

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #732302-A.



Jack's Food Pantry

The biggest current needs are **Diapers (newborn and size 6), canned vegetables and toilet paper**. Adopt-a-Block has been serving approximately 600 households per week, and the need continues to grow. Please consider helping

us fill our cart with products here at UCC to pass on to them.

Worship in Nature with UCC

This summer, worship under the trees in God's creation. Our worship moves to the church lawn on the **2nd and 4th Sundays from June to August**. Bring your favorite lawn chair, sunscreen, and possibly a light jacket. If the weather is uncooperative, the service will be moved into the sanctuary.



Registration is Open! June 6 - 8

Vacation Bible School will focus on learning about health & wellness for us, our neighbors, and God's creation. For K-5th grade. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yckhks7s>

NPC All Member Zoom Gathering - May 31 @ 2 PM

Join our Conference Minister, Rev. Deborah Blood, on Tuesday for an online gathering for every UCC member in the Northern Plains Conference (that's everyone who attends this and other UCC churches in ND!) Zoom link is on church calendar.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Family of Grandon Tolstedt (Ross' father), Family of Eunice Brinckerhoff, Baby Jennings and parent's Megan & Jonah, Doretta Reule, Macyeo Franks (Jane Thomson's grandson), Bella & Kayla Bruning, Michael Bruning, Jon Thomson, Pat Lerberg, Maggie Demaree, Perry Weekes, Jan Johnson, Audrey Heinle, Howard Etson, Camille Grothier, East Timor, Charles Hall Institute, Those affected by COVID-19

*Contact the church office to be added to our weekly prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES: May 29 - June 5

- Sunday:** 11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship
- Monday:** Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- Tuesday:** 10 AM NPC Clergy Meeting ([Zoom](#))
2 PM Quilting/Knitting
2 PM NPC All Member Zoom Gathering ([Zoom](#))
- Wednesday:** 2 PM Hay Creek Lodge Ministries
6 PM Council (in-person & [online](#))
8 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- Friday:** 8:30 AM Bible Study (in-person & [online](#))
- Sunday:** 10 AM Worship (in-person & [online](#))
11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship

Family Summer Fun

Saturday, June 11 @ 11 AM - NPC Summer Potluck

Sertoma Park, Shelter 11

We'll provide the Walking Tacos, you provide the sides and desserts! It will be a midday full of door prizes, amusement park tickets, lawn games, and more. RSVP at the bulletin board or by contacting the church office 701-223-2915.



Thursday, July 14 @ 5 PM - Campfire at the Patrie's

Bill & Marcia Patrie's Home

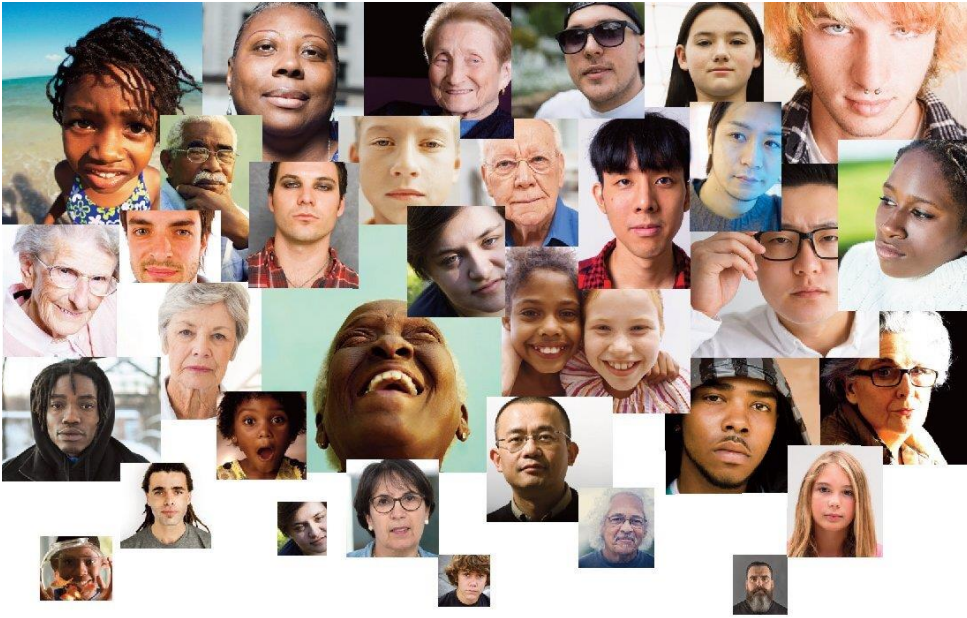
Thursday, August 11 @ 5 PM - Pool Party

Tove & Evan Mandigo's Home



Free COVID-19 Tests Available

Tests available on table in narthex on table under the bulletin board.



All Together!

The sound of rushing wind. A fire spreading with all-consuming speed. A forceful energy that envelops a crowd. Like a rock concert, a sporting event or even...a worship service? Do you remember what a "full house" on Sunday morning felt like? The electric experience of a gathered crowd, close together, both giving and receiving as all share in the presence of something larger than themselves? We celebrate Pentecost each year and recall the birthday of the Church, when the message caught fire and spread beyond a small group of people and began to literally transform the world. That's a worthy celebration, but what might happen if we acknowledge, this Pentecost Sunday, that the holy fire still burns in, through, and around us?

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These are a few examples of what can happen when we're all together in one place. As you give to [Strengthen the Church](#) this Pentecost Sunday, may you receive the Spirit's fire and share it with boldness and innovation, too! All Together, our offerings will empower leaders, engage communities, and shape spaces that will change lives.

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Praise with Joy the World's Creator

D A D A G D G D G A

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

Bm Em A F# Bm B7 E7sus4 Fdim7

love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

F#m E A D Bm E A D G A

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Bm A7 Bm A G Em D A D

Mak - er's glo - ry, pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Stran - ger, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's treas - ure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant u - ni - ty.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Crashing Waters at Creation

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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

Gen. 1:1-5; Exod. 14:21-22; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:13-14

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| <p>1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion
 or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
 First to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning
 from the bright-ness of night's death.</p> | <p>3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan
 closed a-round the One fore-told,
 O-pened to re-veal the glo-ry
 ev-er new and ev-er old.</p> |
| <p>2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled
 as the cap-tives passed on through,
 Wash-ing off the chains of bond-age—
 chan-nel to a life made new.</p> | <p>4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing,
 quench the thirst and flood the soul.
 Well-spring, Source of life e-ter-nal,
 drench our dry-ness, make us whole.</p> |

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text to accompany a prayer for blessing the water in the United Church of Canada baptismal rites. She has credited the work of Miriam Therese Winter as her inspiration for some of the imagery in the last stanza.

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Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free

$\text{♩} = 90$ Dm C Dm

Send your Spir - it to set us free. Send your

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, C, and Dm. The lyrics are: "Send your Spir - it to set us free. Send your".

G Asus4 A Dm C/E F

Spir - it to set us free. Fill our hearts and minds; loose the

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Asus4, A, Dm, C/E, and F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it to set us free. Fill our hearts and minds; loose the".

F F/A Bb Dm C Dm

chains that bind. Send your Spir - it to set us free.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, F/A, Bb, Dm, C, and Dm. The lyrics are: "chains that bind. Send your Spir - it to set us free."

Suggested use: prayer for deliverance, Pentecost

WORDS and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm

SPIRIT PRAYER

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.