

Lesson 16: Why is UCCP a “uniting church”?

Youth Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide

September 20, 2020

General Concept: The UCCP is a uniting church because we continue to seek organic union, as well as conciliar union, with other faith communities.

Biblical References: *Isaiah 56:8; Num. 10:29; Luke 9:49-50; John 17:21-23; 10:16*

Age Level Concepts

- *The UCCP is a uniting church because we continue to seek organic union or even conciliar union, with other faith communities.*
- To seek organic union means to bring about a unity of communities into a common structure, governance, and set of beliefs.
- The UCCP continues to seek unity with other faith communities despite differences and diversities.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Define the meaning of what it is to be a “uniting church”
- Recall UCCP’s journey of unifying oneself to other faith communities
- Recommend ways how to invite other faith communities to join our church.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday’s Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document Shared: UCCP Declaration of Principles.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 56:8;

The Lord GOD, which gathers the outcasts of Israel said, “Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered to him”. This is the continuation of the promise made in the previous verses, that those of other nations would be united to the ancient people of God. This is the inclusive work of God in gathering not only Israel who were scattered abroad in other lands but would also call to the same privileges multitudes of those who were now aliens and strangers. The intension is there to unite all God’s people toward one common goal and purpose and that is to experience abundant and meaningful life for all creatures. The work of the UCCP to be a uniting church is simply an expression of one’s obedience to God’s purposive will for the whole world.

Luke 9:49-50;

“John said to Jesus, “Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn’t in our group. “But Jesus said, “Don’t stop him! Anyone who is not against you is for you.” Jesus adheres to the concept of an alliance to those who stand with our

cause and do God's will. He chose us but Jesus doesn't recommend being exclusive and to think of oneself as a holier than thou kind of attitude. Jesus is against building prideful little cliques and hate bullies whose target is not within our cliques. Jesus showed us to be more embracing especially in realizing God's Kingdom here on earth.

Uniting means to bring together to a whole. UCCP is a united and uniting church of Jesus Christ. Historically, UCCP is a product of the uniting effort of churches willing to unite with others. It was not a one time converging of protestant churches but it was a progressive one that involved a lot of dialogue and weighing in the similarities and differences among each other. Started with Evangelical Union being organized on April 26, 1901, whose purpose was to bring about a spirit of comity, unity, and cooperation among the mission groups that will eliminate competition. In 1943, the Evangelical Church of the Philippines was formed and brought together the United Evangelical Church, the Church of Christ (Disciples), the Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Cristo, some segments of the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En las Islas Filipinas (IEMELIF), Iglesia Evangelica Nacional, the Philippine Methodist Church, and some independent local congregations. It was the first union of churches under the full leadership of the Filipinos. to the Evangelical Church in the Philippines. Even though there was a union created in 1943 after the war former United Brethren, together with the Church of Christ (Disciples) and the independent congregations remained as the Evangelical Church of the Philippines. Finally on May 25, 1948, one hundred sixty-five delegates coming from the Evangelical Church of the Philippines (except the Tagalog Convention of the Church of Christ(Disciples); The Philippine Methodist Church, and the United Evangelical Church gathered at the Ellinwood Malate Church and signed a declaration of union proclaiming that the three churches "shall be one church known as the United Church of Christ in the Philippines." It was in the General Assembly held in Cebu City that the Union of the Tagalog Convention of the Church of Christ (Disciples) formally joined.

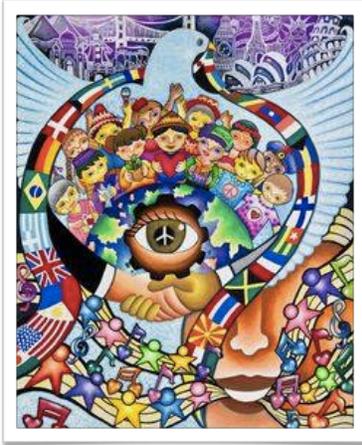
The UCCP is an organic union of three churches: United Evangelical Church in the Philippines; Evangelical Church in the Philippines; and the Philippine Methodist Church. These three churches include five denominational traditions that came from the United States. These diverse denominational traditions (Presbyterian, Congregational, United Evangelical Brethren, Disciples of Christ, and the Methodist) blended beautifully, became interrelated in the practice of church polity, theology, sacramental and liturgical celebrations. This beautiful blending of church traditions became the unique characteristic of the UCCP which is described as "unity in diversity." The goal of becoming "a united and uniting church" is a realization of the Lord's other prayer "that they may all be one" [John 17:21]. The most recent Church who joined the UCCP is the Buhing Paglaum Advent Church in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. The UCCP continues to welcome other faith communities.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

- a. ZOOM Application. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

b. Messenger Room. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KEUTnpK4>
C. Sunday School setting



Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture)

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, learners access in, say this statement “Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even an online venue evokes God's presence.

Ask them, “How have you been this week?” Use emoticon or emoji to describe your week's journey.

Songs of Gathering “Together in God's Household” (Tune: Jesus is the Way)
I'm part of you and you're part of me together in God's family 3x
We're living together in God's household



“In Jesus' Name We Are One Family”

In Jesus' Name we are one family 3x
Now and evermore shall be, in Jesus' Name
We are one Family

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray
Invite us in your sheltering love and make us pure within
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit we are one
Bind us with your loving arms and keep us in Your care.

Opening Prayer (Sentence Prayer)

I praise and thank you O God for _____. (Allow the learners to complete the sentence prayer. After all have said their prayer, lead the learners to say loudly, “Amen.”)

Getting Ready



Ask the learners what they understand when we say that, “UCCP is a united and uniting Church.”

Let them define in their own words, “united and uniting”. What is the difference between the two words?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Group the class into two and assigned each group biblical texts. Assign to group 1 Isaiah 56:8 & to group 2, Luke 9:49-50.



Points to Reflect On

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What does it mean to be a uniting church of Jesus Christ?
3. What is the importance of unifying the Churches today? Why there is a need to do so?
4. How do we unite the faith communities to become one organic Church of Jesus Christ?

Lessons Learned

Sharing the lesson's background (*Use PowerPoint presentation and if you are using zoom, share it to the whole class*)

- Give Brief UCCP Historical Overview
- Provide examples of churches joining the UCCP
- Enumerate UCCP efforts of Uniting with other faith communities

Applying Lessons Learned

Youth Speak!



Allow each learner to comment on the following questions?

1. How do we as UCCP able to live out our being a “Uniting Church”?
2. Would it still be possible for an organic union to happen today? What possible reasons and intentions to pursue it? Recommend ways to invite other faith communities to join UCCP.
3. What is your opinion on UCCP pursuing an organic union with these following denominations/church? Is there any possibility of uniting?
 - a. Roman Catholic Church
 - b. Iglesia ni Kristo
 - c. Later Days Saints / Mormons
 - d. Apolo Quiboloy Church/ Kingdom Nation
4. What commitment would you give to God in pursuit of being God’s uniting Church?

Closing Worship



Memory Verse: John 17:21

“ That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Offertory

Leader: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
Let us give cheerfully.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "O God Receive this Offering" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 91
O God, receive this offering that we are bringing to you.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: God our Parent, thank you that you are God, and there is no other, you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your reignship in our land. May you, the God of all grace, make us grateful, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

+Closing Song "A United and Uniting Church" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 244

Chorus

A united and uniting church, that we may all be one
Reformed and transforming, In mission and in faith
Onward UCCP, Building God's Kingdom of peace

Come, let us all remember, a heritage of faithfulness
of ardent men and women, Devoted to Christ's Way
Covenanting as one together
With God's Spirit, sole Enabler (Chorus)

Come, let's reclaim together the vision of the pioneers
To serve beyond all burdens Reach out to one and all
In obedience to God's divine will
We seek for the reign of God (Chorus)

Come, dreamers, visionaries, Examples of true witnesses
Leaving the trace of footprints, for people to read on,
With a burning faith and commitment
Proclaiming God's message of love (Chorus)

+Prayer of Dedication

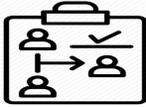
We commit ourselves to the work of unity. In your Spirit O God may we find connection with other faith communities. Inspire us to be one in our faith in you. Amen.

Response:

"Behold What Manner of Love"

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us 2x
That we should be called, God's children of God 2x

Assignment for Next Sunday



Make a Promotional OnLine Sunday School Class through Social Media Posting (IG , FB , and Twitter: 4 pictures, one message about living together in unity)



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of September: Christian Education Month

1. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming inviting all FB viewers.
2. Plan an activity that gives tribute to all Sunday School teachers.
3. Prepare a token that recognizes the value of the teachers.
4. Make a video-clip that tells how young people understand Christian Education.
5. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 17: Where do we base the UCCP doctrines and beliefs?

Fellowship of the Least Coin Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Kingdomtide

September 27, 2020

General Concept: The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP are based on the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Scripture.

Biblical References: Luke 17: 5-10 ; 2 Timothy 3:16

Age Level Concepts

- The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP are based on the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Scripture
- We adhere and live out the doctrines and beliefs of our church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Define the word of God as the basis of our UCCP doctrines and beliefs.
- Cite some biblical passages that our UCCP doctrines and beliefs are based upon.
- Articulate the value the biblical foundation of the UCCP doctrines and beliefs

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document Shared: UCCP Statement of Faith

Biblical Background

Luke 17:5-10

The passage follows up Jesus' stern warning to his disciples concerning causing the "little ones" (newbies) to stumble. Two sub-unit presented in this passage; v5-6 mentioned the disciple's desire of greater faith and in v7- 10 Jesus emphasis on the expectation for disciples. Luke's presentation of discipleship has severe expectations. The would-be disciples all seem prepared to follow Jesus but Jesus rebuffs them for various reasons - foxes have holes, and birds in the air have nests, one cannot take care of one's family or even could not say goodbye to them. Jesus' emphasis on sacrifices that one must take if one has to follow Christ. This is the very reason why our Church lives out one's prophetic role in these changing times. Some of our church leaders were red-tagged and been targeted for state oppression, but we never stop preaching the gospel of Jesus and living out God's mission to our the very least, lost, and last sectors of our society. These passages keep us steadfast and in the constant alignment of doing God's will for God's people.

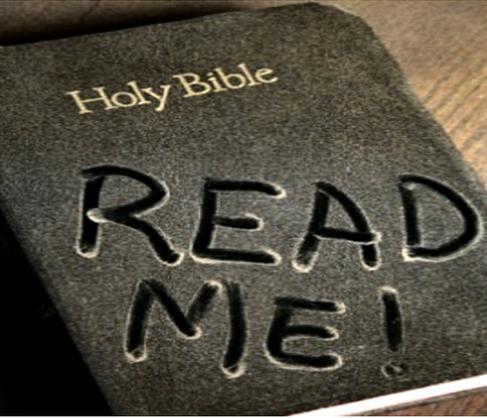
II Timothy 3:16-17

Paul's second letter to Timothy is thought to be the last of Paul's epistle; and this also will hold good of what was to be written; for all Scriptures is inspired by God or breathed by God. Breath by God is to give life to the hearers that once they read the scripture with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they will be able to experience the nurturing act of God. We need to be clarified that the Scriptures are not written by God and it did not drop here on earth from heaven. Scriptures were written by multiple writers of different traditions and timelines. We need to understand that the Scripture Paul was talking about here is not the Bible that we know today. It was a Jewish Scripture being used both by the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians. Paul emphasized the harmony and agreement of the Scriptures in line of directing it to Jesus the Lord and Savior of all. He mentioned about the benefits of the Scriptures namely;

- a. Profitable for doctrine. The Scriptures help discover, illustrate, and confirm any doctrine concerning God. It should be the foundation and the bases of any church doctrines and tradition.
- b. Reproof. The Scriptures serve as guidance in a moral perspective aligning it to Christ Jesus. We should be careful here of being literal, for every verse has its context.
- c. Correction. Scriptures point out instructions in righteousness that set on the rule of faith and practices. One has to be careful to use it to judge other people and forgetting Christ's valuable commandments to love God and to love our fellow creatures.

The Bible is the very bases of one's faith beliefs and praxis. We continue to make the bible as an instrument to illumine, guide, correct, and edify all members in their faith and witness.

"Sola scriptura" (by scripture alone in English) is our theological doctrine that we have rooted in our Protestant heritage. It emphasizes Christian scriptures as a source of authority for Christian faith and practices. UCCP engraves this principle in our statement of faith which says, " We believe that the Holy Bible is a faithful and inspired witness to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ and history to illumine, guide, correct and edify believers in their faith and witness." Thus, all UCCP doctrines, beliefs, tradition, pastoral letters, ecclesiastical statements, mission, and life-work are all founded and based on the Bible.



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C. Sunday School Setting

Greeting Time

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Ask the learners, “What keeps you going this week?” Allow them to share their answer to the class.

Songs of Gathering

“Hallelu, Hallelu”

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;

Praise ye the Lord! 2x

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah;3x

Praise ye the Lord!



Hiay, Hiay, Hiay

Hiay3x Katungkay agkalipay

Hiay3x pinalangga akandin Pinalas din sa sala ko

Makadiya ata langit Adayon ad malilipay (Hiay 3x)

Kalipay Sa Akong Kasingkasing

Kalipay kay giluwás ako

Si Kristo nagaandam sa puloy-an sa langit

Ang kasingkasing ko nagalipay

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray

Invite us in your sheltering love and make us pure within

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit we are one

Bind us with your loving arms and keep us in Your care.

Opening Prayer

Learner: O God, we meet today in this Sunday School to learn more about our Declaration of Principles. May you give us the wisdom and understanding that we may appreciate more who we are to you and other creatures. Amen.

Getting Ready



Have a film showing about the Bible Explored. A Brief History of the Bible (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0Zm8_B_4wA). What can you say about the history of the Bible? What have you learned from this film? Encourage the learners to speak their mind freely.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read the following text found in Luke 17: 5-10 & 2 Timothy 3:16. Ask the following questions;

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What does the text say about the Bible?
3. In what way does the bible lay a foundation for any church doctrine or belief?

Sharing the lesson's background

Share to the class the background of the lesson and allow the learners to explore the UCCP Statement of Faith and the Basis of Union and find out its biblical bases.

Group the class into 2 groups and assign each group a UCCP Document. (Basis of Union & UCCP Statement of Faith) and let them fill up the biblical text of each provision or phrase.

UCCP Document	Provide Biblical Text
a. Statement of Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We believe in One God• We believe in the Bible	a. Statement of faith
b. Declaration of Principles	b. Declaration of Principles



Assign each group to discuss and report one's analysis of the given UCCP Pastoral Letters. The group have to read and understand the whole letter and identify biblical passages that were used in formulating the pastoral letter.

- Are you amendable on how the passages were used to support the whole letter?
- What biblical passages would you like to use instead?

Group 1. A Statement on Anti-Terrorism Bill (<https://www.uccpchurch.com/a-mockery-against-freedom-and-sovereignty/>)

Group 2. Stop Killing Our Prophets! (<https://www.uccpchurch.com/stop-killing-our-prophets/>)

Lessons Learned

Youth Speak!

Group will report on the following:

1. Assigned UCCP Documents and how the Scripture is used in formulating the whole document.
2. Share a summary of the Pastoral Letter and share one's analysis on how this Pastoral Letters able to use biblical passages to make one's point relevant and complete.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“ All scripture is inspired by God and is[a] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”



Offertory

Leader: In Luke 12:48b says, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” Let us now give our offerings to God.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “We Give You But Your Own” Hymnal of Faith Journey, 93
We give but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone we give it gratefully.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Generous Parent God, thank you that all things were created through you. You are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surrounds us, the Spirit of God empowers us and the joy of God upholds us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

+Closing Song “God's Word” Hymnal of Faith Journey, 353
There is a priceless treasure in God's word

Like precious stones of such great worth
If daily we would read with our heart, mind
Peace and happiness and hope we will find

There is a healing message in God's Word
Balm for the sick, the troubled, the sad
When in our pain and grief we are weary
Our strength and healing comes from above

There is a radiance coming from God's word
That brightness the tomorrows of life
If in the hands of God we entrust all
Our wealth and joys, our sorrows and pain

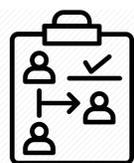
+Prayer of Dedication

All: You call us to be one in Your love O God. Teach us to humble ourselves at all times and commit ourselves to unify Christ's people. Amen.

Response: "Ginawaak Manema" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 42
Ginawaak Manema ines inged, ines inged 2x
Tinged kini igbagayden andas anak den
Kended en pamentual sa kanden
Direg, direg, direg kataren
taman sa taman taman sa taman 2x

What great love Creator God has for the world, has for the world 2x
That God gave unto the world God's own beloved Son
So that all who would believe in him
Never, never, ever would be lost
But live forever 3x

Assignment for Next Sunday



Post and share a UCCP Doctrines and Beliefs every day to your social media account. (FB, IG, and Tiktok)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.
The month of September: Christian Education Month



1. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming inviting all FB viewers.
2. Plan an activity that gives tribute to all Sunday School teachers.
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5. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the

lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 18: What doctrines and beliefs are articulated in the historic Christian creeds?

World Communion Sunday/CYAF Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide

October 04, 2020

General Concept: The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP that are articulated in the historic Christian creeds are God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, church, sin, judgment, salvation, resurrection, eternal life, and second coming.

Biblical References: Exodus 32:1-14 & Matthew 22:1-14

Age Level Concepts

- The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP that are articulated in the historic Christian creeds are God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, church, sin, judgment, salvation, resurrection, eternal life, and second coming.
- We adhere and live out the doctrines and beliefs of our church expressed in the Christian creeds

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Cite doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP that are articulated in the historic Christian creeds.
- Demonstrate ways how we express our doctrines and beliefs.
- Value our doctrines and beliefs and express one's commitment to living out our UCCP doctrines and beliefs in one's life engagement.



Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document on Apostle Creed, Nicene Creed, & UCCP Statement of Faith.

Biblical Background

Exodus 32:1-14

Moses was away for 40 days and nights receiving the “tablets of stone with law and commandment and also instruction about the construction of the tabernacle as well as the vestments for and procedures for the ordination of the priesthood (Exodus 24:18). Aaron and Hur were indicated by Yahweh to be consulted if there will be a dispute.

The absence of Moses led the people to anxiety leading them to find alternative gods, “Come make gods for us, who shall go before us.” Instead of identifying God as the one who has liberated them from Egypt, they referred to Moses as the one who brought them out from Egypt. Aaron's playing safe attitude allowed the wrong concept of Yahweh to prevail in the minds of the

people. He suggested to collect all the peoples' jewelry and coins to make the calf and will pay tribute to Yahweh. For Aaron, making a golden calf is not meant to represent Yahweh's image but rather to make a seat for God. For the people, it was a replacement of their void to feel secure and confident in moving forward.

Yahweh was furiously angry towards the people and planned to annihilate them and start over with the one person God approves of like the story of Noah. God even demand rest from it all. Moses persuaded Yahweh not to do it amid God's fury. Moses tried to convince God by narrating what Yahweh has done so far for the people. God is not the only one who has something important to say here, Moses wanting to spare the people's life risked to argue with God. God's change of heart indicates that Yahweh is far different from all other gods. God cultivates a relationship that invites human dialogue and inputs, God is open towards possibilities that brings life to all.

God is angered by the actions of Israel, God is furiously angry about their senseless act but God cooled down from the rational argument Moses presented. God's mercy overwhelms one's anger.

Matthew 22:1-14

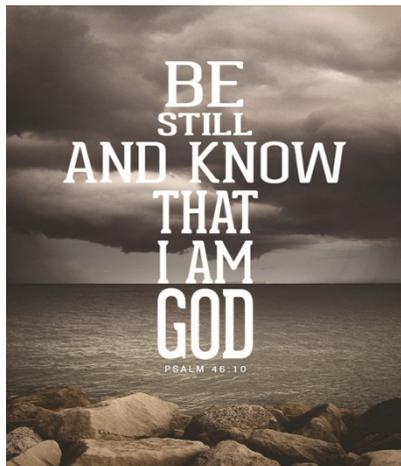
The Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The king prepared a banquet of his son's wedding. He sends invitations to the guests but he received negative responses. Though a lot of preparations were done already including the food but still, the guests took it lightly. They even seized, mistreated the king's slave, and some slaves were killed. The king was enraged and sent his troop to destroy the murderers and burned their city. He instructed his slaves to go out into the main streets and invited everyone both good and bad they find to the wedding banquet. The wedding hall was filled with guests but when the king noticed a man not wearing a wedding robe, he was bind and thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few where chosen.

The story is not to be taken as a real story happening during Jesus' time. It is a parable that was intended to point to a lesson that one has to learn. The parable can be exaggerating and absurd sometimes but one has to read the whole story to draw out the lesson Jesus wanted to impart.

The parable was about the kingdom of heaven. It talks about how God operates in one's kingdom and how people should respond and live out their faith accordingly to God's ruling. God is portrayed here as a loving and generous king that invites guests to attend to his son's wedding banquet. He sends his slaves to personally assured that his invitation will get through to guests. God is loving yet God is just, God never tolerates injustices to happen and imposed God's rightful judgment even burning the city of these murderers. God is also particular on how we respond to God's invitation which is clearly shown to a guest who was not wearing a wedding robe. One has to prepare and be suited to the wedding occasion or God's kingdom living.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through



a. ZOOM Application.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

b. Messenger Room

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C. Sunday School Setting

Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture- “Be Still and Know”)

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all learners access in, say this statement “Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God’s presence.

Asks the learners, “What made you smile this week?” Allow them to share their answer to the class.

Songs of Gathering

Seh Yah Hum Buh

Seh Yah hum buh Koo kah Nigh Nie Kwenkos (2x)

Seh Yah hum buh 2x Ohh! Seh Yah Hum buh koo kah Nigh Nie kwenkos

We are marching in the light of God 2x We are marching 2x Ohh!

We are marching in the light of God.

Maglakaw sa kahayag sa Dyos, Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos (2x)

Maglakaw kita uban Kaniya !Ohh! Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos

Mambo Sawa, Sawa

Mambo sawa-sawa)^{2x} I esu Aki a izini (mambo sawa-sawa)^{3x}

(Things are getting better^{2x}) If you have Jesus in your hearts

(Things are getting better)^{3x}

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray

Invite us in your sheltering love and make us pure within

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit we are one

Bind us with your loving arms and keep us in Your care.

Opening Prayer

Learner: O God, we meet today in this Sunday School to learn more about our Declaration of Principles. May you give us the wisdom and understanding that we may appreciate more who we are to you and other creatures. Amen.



Getting Ready

Have a film showing about the beginning of the Apostle Creed.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rOrhLDL7fY>). What is a creed?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read the following text found in Exodus 32:1-14 & Matthew 22:1-14.

Discuss to the class the Biblical Background. Group the class into 2 and let them discuss and answer the following questions;



Group 1: Exodus 32:1-14

- What is the passage all about?
- Describe who Yahweh is in this story? Explore Yahweh's nature as Yahweh responded and handled situations.
- Do you seek to know more about God? How conscious are you in knowing God?
- What is the danger of people's misconceptions about God? How do you correct the people?

Group 2: Matthew 22:1-14

- What is the passage all about?
- Who is God in this story? How do you describe God in this parable?
- Do you know God as described in this parable?
- Describe who God is as taught by your parents and one's church?
- Who is God to you?

Lessons Learned

Looking at Historical Documents

After the group discussion, assign each group historical documents. Group A will have Nicene Creed and Group B will have the Apostle Creed. Let each group read the documents including the UCCP Statement of Faith. Let them cite the similarities and the differences of the documents. Establish that the UCCP Statement of Faith is based on the assigned document. What obvious evidence can you provide?

Assign a secretary to jot down the discussion and a reporter to report the summary of your discussion.

UCCP Statement of Faith	Nicene Creed	Apostle Creed
<p>WE BELIEVE In one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, who provides order, purpose, meaning, and fulfillment to all creation. That in Jesus Christ, who has born of Mary, God become human and is Sovereign Lord of life and history. That is the Holy Spirit, God is present in the world, empowering and guiding believers to understand and live out their faith in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE Persons are created in the image of God and destined to live in a community with God, with other persons, and with all creation. That by disobedience, they have become sinful, but, by grace through faith, they are redeemed in Jesus Christ. That being entrusted with God's creation, they are called to participate in the establishment of a just and compassionate social order.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE That the Church is the one Body of Christ, the whole community of persons reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and entrusted with God's ministry.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE That the Holy Bible is a faithful and inspired witness of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ and history to illumine, guide, correct, and edify believers in their faith and witness.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE That God is at work to make each person a new being in Christ and the whole world God's Kingdom in which love, justice, and peace prevail. The Kingdom of God is present where faith in Jesus Christ is shared, where healing is given to the sick, where food is given to the hungry, where light is given to the blind, and where liberty is given to the captive and oppressed.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE That the resurrection of Jesus Christ has overcome the power of death, gives assurance of life after death, and we look forward to His coming again in all fullness and glory to make all creation new and to gather all the faithful under God's Kingdom. Amen. Revised on 3 September 1992 by the UCCP Faith and Order Committee Approved by the 2006 UCCP General Assembly</p>	<p>We believe in one God, the Father almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.</p> <p>And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.</p> <p>For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.</p> <p>And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.</p>	<p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</p> <p>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p>*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places</p>

Applying the Lessons Learned

Youth Speak!



Group Report. Allow each learner to freely ask questions.

Ask the learners the following questions;

1. How do we live out our belief (God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Church, the Bible, Kingdom of God) in our daily lives?
2. Are our way of life now truly reflect on what we believe?
3. In what way can you commit yourself to what you believe?

Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,[c] the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16: 15-16

Offertory

Leader: In Luke 12:48b says, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” Let us now give our offerings to God.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“Doxology”

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: God of the Universe, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, I can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially, and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



+Closing Song

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you, none like you
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Into the darkness you shining, out of the ashes we rise
No one like you, none like you (chorus)
Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, Our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
Then what can stand against? (chorus)

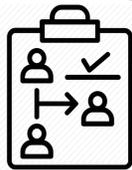
+Prayer of Dedication

All: As we go from Sunday School back to our family's care, Help us O God to remember all we've learned, Each day to love and share. Remind us Jesus is our friend, We're never on our own. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Response: "Ginawaak Manema" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 42
Ginawaak Manema ines inged ines inged 2x
Tinged kini igbagayden andas anak den
Kended en pamentual sa kanden
Direg, direg, direg kataren
taman sa taman taman sa taman 2x

What great love Creator God has for the world has for the world 2x
That God gave unto the world God's won beloved Son
So that all who would believe in him
Never, never, ever would be lost
But live forever 3x

Assignment for Next Sunday



Post and share a UCCP Doctrine every day to your social media account this week.
(FB, IG, and Tiktok)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.
The month of October: Indigenous People's Month

1. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming concerning the flight and struggles of our Tribal Communities. (4mins video)
2. Make a project that encourages awareness of tribal communities.
(Ethnic Design Necklace or bracelets)
3. In cooperation with the Church Workers present an Interpretative Dance on the song "Bathala" by Joey Ayala
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4QBsSLTAU>)
4. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.



Lesson 19: What doctrines and beliefs are embodied in the Statement of Faith?

PEACE Sunday/ NCWA Sunday
Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide
October 11, 2020

General Concept: The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP are embodied in the UCCP Statement of Faith: one God, persons, bible, church, kingdom of God, and resurrection.

Biblical References: Exodus 33:12-23 & Matthew 22:15-22

Age Level Concepts

- The doctrines and beliefs of the UCCP are embodied in the UCCP Statement of Faith: one God, persons, bible, church, kingdom of God, and resurrection
- We base our mission expressions on our Statement of Faith
- We adhere and live out the doctrines and beliefs of our church expressed in the Statement of Faith

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Identify our doctrines and beliefs embodied in our UCCP Statement of Faith
- Discuss our mission expressions on our Statement of Faith.
- Demonstrate ways how to express our doctrines and beliefs in our daily life living.



Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document UCCP Statement of Faith.

Biblical Background

Exodus 33:12-23

Part of the series of new revelations of God's identity and names throughout the book of Exodus. God revealed a name that points to the past: "I am the God of your ancestors" Next, God pointed to the present and the future: "I am Who I Am or better be, "I will be who I will be." This is to say that to see what God will do is to know who God is. The giving of the Ten Commandments begins with an expansion of God's name: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You are my people, says the Lord" and I am "your God who freed you from oppression."

Another expansion of the divine name declares God's central motivation for this divine act of liberation: "I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I might live among them" (Exodus 29:46). The whole point of God delivering Israel was to make it possible that God would be close and near, living "with us." That's why the book of Exodus spends so much time on the instructions (Exodus 25-31) and the building (Exodus 35-40) of the Tabernacle or tent sanctuary. The tabernacle is intended to be God's home and dwelling place amid God's holy people.

Moses then put his question to God. If God would not dwell among the people lest he destroy them, and if his special representative was not to dwell among them but go ahead of them, who then *would* dwell among them? The people may have been rebellious, but Moses did not want God to remove himself from them completely. He asked God for some clear indication of his plans. God replied by promising Moses his presence. This reassured Moses, for he saw no purpose in Israel's entering Canaan as God's people if his presence was not among them (12-16).

God's reply encouraged Moses to ask even more. He wanted a greater spiritual understanding of the nature of God. In answer God revealed to Moses something more of his glory. The vision was not to satisfy curiosity about God's appearance, but to reveal the goodness, mercy and glory of him who was Israel's God, Yahweh (17-23). (This vision took place a little later, when Moses returned to the mountain; see 34:4-7.)

The unfolding names of God as revealed in the process of dialogue and being with the people brings out the character of who God is as dynamic, every present, and in constant dialogue with God's people. Concerning our faith doctrines and belief, we confess who God is as a community who journey with God. It was a conscious and collective journey that constantly appreciates God's revelation to one's generation and the other.

Matthew 22:15-22

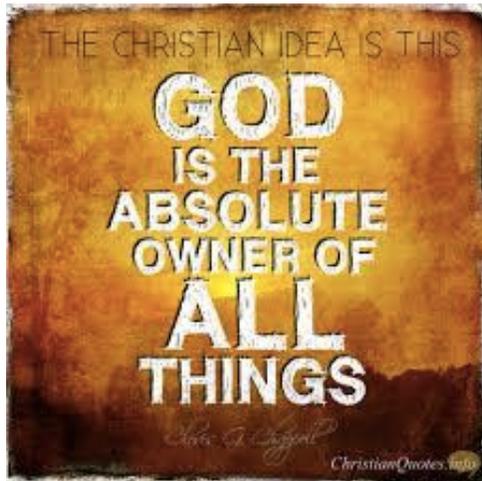
A group of Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" The tax in view is the census tax, a per person tax of a denarius (22:19). The conundrum for Jesus is this: If he answers yes, then he could be perceived as in collusion with Rome, justifying Roman occupation and oppression of the Jews. This would not be a popular answer among the Jewish people. On the other hand, if Jesus answers no, he could be suspected of revolutionary sentiment against Rome like the Zealots. Jesus knowing their schemes calls for a coin- a denarius an amount cost for a tax, and asked them to identify whose image is on the coin. When they answered Jesus said, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are emperor's and to God the things that are to God's.

When Jesus said, "What is due to" he was implying that there are limits that the Emperor can cover. This is not just simply a full submission to the empire. As we look back to their context, the emperor tends to claim that he is god and he owns everyone. It is God who owns all and we also own and belong to God alone. Yet we live a life in which competing powers and influences especially an oppressing state that terrorize it's own people. God is the ultimate owner to all of us thus, we need to obey God more than human powers.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

- ZOOM Application. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>
- Messenger Room. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnprtK4>
- Sunday School Setting



Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture- “God is the Owner of All Things”)

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all learners access in, say this statement “ Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God’s presence.

Asks the learners to share how God touches them this week.

Songs of Gathering

Seh Yah Hum Buh

Seh Yah hum buh Koo kah Nigh Nie Kwenkos (2x)

Seh Yah hum buh 2x Ohh! Seh Yah Hum buh koo kah Nigh Nie kwenkos

We are marching in the light of God 2x

We are marching 2x Ohh!

We are marching in the light of God.

Maglakaw sa kahayag sa Dyos, Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos (2x)

Maglakaw kita uban Kaniya !Ohh! Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos

Mambo Sawa, Sawa

2x

3x

Mambo sawa-sawa) I esu Aki a izini (mambo sawa-sawa)

2x

(Things are getting better) If you have Jesus in your hearts

3x

(Things are getting better)



“Create in Us A Pure Heart”

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray

Invite us in your sheltering love and make us pure within
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit we are one
Bind us with your loving arms and keep us in Your care.

Opening Prayer

Learner: O God, we meet today in this Sunday School to learn more about our Declaration of Principles. May you give us the wisdom and understanding that we may appreciate more who we are to you and other creatures. Amen.

Getting Ready



Have a film showing about the UCCP Statement of Faith
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC82nI-79CI>)

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read the following text found in Exodus 33:12-23 & Matthew 22:15-22. Discuss to the class the Biblical Background and group the class into 2 and let them discuss and answer the following questions;

Group 1: Exodus 33:12-23

1. What is the passage all about?
2. Describe God's character in this process?
3. How did Moses convince God to be "with us".
4. What UCCP Doctrines and belief that were drawn out from this passage?

Group 2: Matthew 22: 15-22

1. What is the passage all about?
2. How did Jesus able to outwit the group of Pharisees?
3. What UCCP beliefs and doctrines that we can find in this passage?



Lessons Learned

Looking at Historical Documents

After the group discussion, assign each group section from the statement of faith and let the group draw out UCCP doctrines and beliefs from the UCCP Statement of faith. Group 1 will discuss the first 3 statements and Group 2 will discuss the 4th to 6th statements.

Assign a secretary to jot down the discussion and a reporter to report the summary of your discussion.

UCCP Statement of Faith	Doctrines and Belief
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Applying the Lessons Learned

Youth Speak!

Group Report. Allow each learner to freely ask questions.

Ask the learners the following questions:

1. How do we live out our faith as a Church?
2. In what way can we be able to share our faith understanding with other people?
3. How would you defend our beliefs against criticism that it is not biblically based?

Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.” Exodus 33:13



Offertory

Leader: “Let us give our offerings as our expression of our thanksgiving and love to God. Let us now give our offerings to God.”

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Bulahan and Mohatag Kanimo”
Hymnal of Faith Journey,95

Blest are they, Lord, who offer to you
Joyful hearts with sincerity;
Jesus Christ grant to them grace abounding
and love overflowing from you Lord, our God.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: You bless us O God that is why we continue to give. May you shower us with your love and care so that we may radiate it to others too. Amen.

+Closing Song

“Why We Are UCCP”
Hymnal of Faith Journey,243

We believe in one God, Creator, Redeemer
Sustainer of every one’s life
In Jesus Christ God became human and rules as Lord of lords,
In Spirit God guides us all along.

Refrain:

That’s why we are UCCP for we are taught what the Lord had said
To live a life in community with God and all
Assured of life even after death, no more sorrows,and no more defeat,
There’s only love, justice and peace, all creation new.
There’s only love, justice and peace...UCCP!

+Prayer of Dedication

All: God our Emmanuel, continue to engage us in a meaningful dialogue. Don't let our evil doings silence you. We ask to correct and guide us that our lives may be pleasing to your sight. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Response:

“Ginawaak Manema”
Hymnal of Faith Journey, 42
Ginawaak Manema ines inged ines inged 2x
Tinged kini igbagayden andas anak den
Kended en pamentual sa kanden
Direg, direg, direg kataren
taman sa taman taman sa taman 2x

What great love Creator God has for the world has for the world 2x
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Assignment for Next Sunday

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CHURCH: BODY OF CHRIST
Why We Are UCCP 1

1 We be-lieve in one God - Coe - a - ter, Be - deem - us
2 As per-sons we are one - a - and - re - flecting God's i - mage
3 The Bi - ble is God's re - ve - la - tion in his - try and in Christ
4 The Kingdom of God is pre - sent where faith in Christ is shared

Sus - tain - us of ev - ry one's life,
The Lord made us stewards of the world,
A faith - ful witness to God's work,
where heal - ing is giv - en to the sick;

In Je - sus Christ God be - came hu - man and rules as Lord of
The Church in the Bo - dy of Christ, re - deem - ed and re - com -
To guide and il - lu - strate be - liev - ers and build them up so
where food is be - loved to the hung - ry and light to the

Lord, in spir - it God guides us all a - long,
blind, es - trust - ed with God's own mi - nis - try,
faith, a - quip them to wit - ness to the world,
blind and free - dom for cap - tives and op - pressed.

That's why we are U C C P for we are taught what the Lord has
said. To live a life in com - mu - ni - ty with God and all,
Asured of life even after death, no more sor - row and no more de - part.

There's on - ly love, jus - tice and peace, af - firma - tion new. U C C P!

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Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 20: What are the fundamental values that are at the heart of our witness to the world and our service to the church?

UCM Sunday/ Indigenous People's Sunday
Ninth Sunday in Kingdomtide
October 18, 2020

General Concept: *The fundamental values of love, justice, truth, and compassion are essential to our witness to the world and service to the church.*

Biblical References: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Micah 6:8, and Matthew 22:34-46

Age Level Concepts

- The fundamental values of love, justice, truth, and compassion are essential to our witness to the world and service to the Church
- We live out love, justice, truth, and compassion in our witness to the world and service to the Church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Identify and define the fundamental values that are at the heart of UCCP witness and service to the world.
- Demonstrate ways how these values are being expressed in our witness and service as UCCP Church.
- Express some ways on how to appreciate and enhance these values in one's witness and service to the world.



Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, Film Showing on UCCP Journey of Faith History, Manila Paper)

Biblical Background

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

After wandering the wilderness for 40 years, the people of Israel are ready to enter the land promised to their ancestors by Yahweh. Because of Moses' actions in Numbers 20, God forbade him to lead the people into this new land, but God shows Moses the entire promised land before he dies. Showing to him means that Yahweh has been faithful to the covenant established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The passage mentioned the areas of Gilead, Dan, Naphtali, land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah, Negeb, and the valley of Zoar which all played a significant historical part in Israel's encounter with God. God causes Moses to see the land even with his impaired eyes for the reason of witnessing God's faithfulness is true. God keeps the promises made to the people. One has to have faith which gives the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

The rule of succession is also prevalent in which Joshua, son of Nun, succeeded Moses after he died at the age of 120 years old. Moses was praised for being God's faithful servant who witnessed and facilitated the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of the power of Yahweh.

The journey of Moses as a servant of Yahweh teaches us to stand on the following principles:

- a. God above all else. We have to obey God more than Pharaoh. Moses displayed the utmost loyalty and faith to God. He followed God with courage and confidence that God will be with him every step of the way.
- b. God is compassionate and loving to the poor and oppressed. God takes sides with the oppressed and the victims. God hears their cries and does everything to free them.
- c. God is just. God gives justice to those who are victims of injustices.
- d. God's love is overwhelming than anger. There are many instances that God almost gave up on the Israel. But Moses always reminded God of the covenant established with the people of Israel.

Micah 6:8

God is upset with the people and wants to argue with them through the prophetic voice of Micah. God calls the whole creation- the mountains, hills, and earth's foundations to listen to this dispute. The first part mentions God's inquiry to humans that despite everything God has done for them like providing them with protection against enemies and had been their liberator, savior, and provider the people continue to do wrong against Yahweh. Now the people were given time to say their defense. They have nothing to say. Instead they ask God of the best sacrifice they can make that will please Yahweh. What gifts can they give so that God will forgive them? God does not want a specific type of offering but rather God wants a specific type of person.

- a. A person who does justice
- b. love kindness
- c. Walk humbly with God

God is no longer concerned with the gifts the people can offer, God is more concern of how God's people relate to one's fellow beings. To do justice so that injustices will be eradicated; love kindness which moves people to be more welcoming and caring to fellow beings and to be in constant humility before God and adhere to God's will and purpose in this world.

Matthew 22:34-46

There are two parts to this story. The first part talks about how the Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus' interpretation of the Torah especially his action of healing people during the Sabbath day. Bombarded with many questions, Jesus remained calm, and with wits, intellect, and ground-based charisma he won the sympathy of the audience. The last question has thrown from a lawyer from the sect of the Pharisees, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answered based on Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 as the greatest of commands upon which all the law and the prophets hang- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."v. 37-40

Jesus emphasizes that the Torah is rightly understood when it is read through the central lens of love for God and love for neighbor (with even enemies considered neighbors; 5:43-44). The challenge here is in practice. One could look, for example, to Matthew 25:31-46 to hear what love for God and neighbor looks like in practical terms: showing care and hospitality to "the least of these."

The second part talks about the Pharisees questioning the Messiahship of Jesus in relation to the lineage of David. David called the Messiah "Lord" which is the embodiment of Yahweh. For Matthew, Jesus' answer is to say that he is the messiah as both David's son and David's Lord since he is the Messiah and will be vindicated before and placed over his enemies at his resurrection.

The interpretation of the Torah must be in the lens of love. All others shall be secondary or no essential in comparison with its core. This is how we express our praxis and witness as

individuals and as a Church. We live out our faith in Jesus Christ based on love and move our being based on love.



Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

a. ZOOM Application

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

b. Messenger Room.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnprtK4>

Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture- "You cannot hate people and love God at the same time")



Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all learners have access in, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God's presence.

Ask the learners to share their experiences this week of how they have felt being loved by someone.

Songs of Gathering "What Does the Lord Require of You"

1. What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

2. Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

3. To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

Love, Love, Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEtDnBNGCQA>

Love, love, love Christians this is our call
Love our neighbor as ourselves for God loves all

"Create in Us A Pure Heart"

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray

Invite us in your sheltering love and make us pure within

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit we are one

Bind us with your loving arms and keep us in Your care.

Opening Prayer



Learner: O loving and merciful God, we come before you with open hearts and minds ready to encounter your presence and experience your Spirit's nurturing love. Move us to love as you love us. In Christ's Name, we pray, Amen.

Getting Ready

Have a film showing about the UCCP Journey of Faith History. Go directly to 11:45 minutes on UCCP VMG and its Mission (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyAr5_ZVUos)

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth



Group the class into three and assign each group a passage to read and discuss.
Group 1- Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Group 2-* Micah 6:8, and *Group 3-* Matthew 22:34-46.

Discuss to the class the Biblical Background *and ask the following questions during their groupings:*

1. What is the passage all about?
2. Cite values or principles you can draw out from this passage.
3. Does UCCP live out these values and principles in its life and ministries?
4. How would your local church express these values in its activities and projects?
5. Express some ways how to live out and manifest these values in the life and work of your local church.

Lessons Learned

Contextualizing: Cite the fundamental values expressed in one's personal and ecclesial life. Fill up the graph below:

Assign a secretary to jot down the discussion and a reporter to report the summary of your discussion.

<i>Fundamental Values</i>	<i>Local Church</i>	<i>UCCP as a Whole</i>
Love	- Fellowship after divine service	
Justice		boldly proclaim the truth even being Red Tagged as CPP NPA
Truth		
Compassion		
Solidarity		

Applying the Lessons Learned



Youth Speak!

Group Report. Allow each learner to freely ask questions.

Suggest ways how to make these values and principles being lived out in one's self as well as the local church.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse

“He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22: 37-40

Offertory

Leader: “Let us give our offerings as our expression of our thanksgiving and love to God.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “All that We Have in Our Lives”
Hymnal of Faith Journey, 92

All that we have in our lives come from you gracious God,
We offer all these back to you to glorify your name.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We thank you for your love and move us to joyfully give. May these blessings being shared with others may move others to say, “I am loved by God.” Amen.

+Closing Song “We Are One in the Spirit”

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 our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

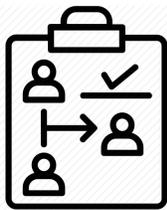
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

+Prayer of Dedication

All: Jesus Our Messiah, you teach us how to live and that is to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you O God. Empower us to live like your life and make us useful like salt to the world. In Christ's Name, we pray, Amen.

Response: "Ginawaak Manema" Hymanl of Faith Journey,42
Ginawaak Manema ines inged ines inged 2x
Tinged kini igbagayden andas anak den
Kended en pamentual sa kanden
Direg, direg, direg kataren
taman sa taman taman sa taman 2x

What great love Creator God has for the world, has for the world 2x
That God gave unto the world God's won beloved Son
So that all who would believe in him
Never, never, ever would be lost
But live forever 3x



Assignment for Next Sunday

Post and share a picture of your Church's life-work that manifests the fundamental values of love, justice, truth and compassion, to your social media account this week. (FB, IG, and Tiktok)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of October: Indigenous People's Month

1. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming concerning the flight and struggles of our Tribal Communities. (4mins video)
2. Make a project that encourages awareness of tribal communities. (Ethnic Design Necklace or bracelets)
3. In cooperation with the Church Workers present an Interpretative Dance on the song "Bathala" by Joey Ayala (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4QBsnSLTAU>)
- 4.#CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

