



May 22,  
2022

**May 22 2022**  
**Pray With a Pastor**  
**8am and 10:30am**

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](http://www.facebook.com/unionneffs).

Please complete the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you or at the welcome tables and hand it in with your offering or give it to a pastor. This is a good way to let us know you're here.

**NEW MEMBERS:** To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family or to join our church please contact Pastor Kris at [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org) or 610-767-6961.

**One of our core values as a church is extravagant welcome and hospitality. We believe in God's inclusive love. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Lay Reader: 8:00 Ron Pope, 10:30 Donna Christman

Ushers: 8:00: Cliff James, Carol James

10:30am: Carrington Smith, Jim Lane, Jason Klinger, Susan Smith, Al Stubbmann, Karen Misera, Claire Kern, Gene Thrash

Sound: Pat Sorg

**Wearing a mask inside the building will now be optional. For those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19, we recommend wearing a mask (as per CDC guidelines).**

**Singing - Close proximity while singing contributes to transmission of particulates. If you like to sing, please consider wearing a mask during those portions of worship. Our choirs will continue to mask when singing.**

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**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

### **Prelude**

Fairest Lord Jesus (Crusaders' Hymn— St. Elizabeth)  
Schlesische Volkslieder

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Note: Pastor Kris is on Sabbatical through June 27th.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**ALL: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**ALL: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray together

**ALL: God of our fathers and mothers—  
of all the generations who have come before us—  
holy is Your name.**

**We gather in Your presence with praise and thanksgiving  
for the faithful love You have shown toward Your people,  
for the many blessings You have given to us.**

**Your promises are eternal,  
and they are backed by the honor of Your name.  
Thank you for Your faithful presence among us,  
even when we are not fully aware of it.  
Continue to reveal Yourself to us.**

Open our eyes to see You here among us;  
open our ears to hear Your Word.  
For surely, You are with us in this place.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

### The Peace

Leader: How do we mean the words that we say: “No matter  
who you are or where you are on life’s journey,

**ALL: You are welcome here.**

Leader: Let’s do all that we can to practice this greeting in word  
and action.

Please rise and stand in body or spirit for the first song to greet  
each other with a smile or wave.

### \*HYMN : #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness—New Century Hymnal (Black)

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator  
With you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
All of your goodness forever will be

**REFRAIN: Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed your hand has provided,**  
**Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!**

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To you great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**REFRAIN: Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed your hand has provided,**  
**Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
You own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

**REFRAIN: Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Great is your faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed your hand has provided,**  
**Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!**

**Music Offering**

Heritage Choir 8am:  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas A. Dorsey  
Arr. Jack Schrader

Horizon Choir 10:30am:  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas A. Dorsey  
Arr. Jack Schrader

**10:30 Worship  
Children's Time**

Song: This, This is Where Children Belong  
**Congregation/All:**

The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It consists of four lines of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The score begins with a '3' above the first line, indicating a triplet. The lyrics are: 'This, this is where child-ren be - long, Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng. Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song, This is where child - ren be - long.'

Chord symbols: F, C/E, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, Am/C, C, F, Gm, Am, Bb, F/C, Bb, F.

**Beginning next Sunday, May 29, Ms. Tiffany will host "Mornings with Ms. Tiffany" during worship. All children are welcome to join her**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 22:1-18

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,

18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **THE MESSAGE Brad Hackett**

### Commonalities Between Islam, Judaism and Christianity

Brad Hackett is a member of Neffs Union UCC. This is the third time he has preached here. He serves as a lay preacher for the Penn Northeast Conference. He is a former member of the Union UCC Consistory and served as President for three years. He has been the Head Track and Field/Cross Country Coach at Muhlenberg College for the past twenty three years. He previously coached at Colgate, Bucknell and Syracuse Universities.

## **HYMN #292 Breathe on Me, Breath of God—New Century Hymnal (Black)**

1. Breathe on me, breath of God fill me with life a new  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do

2. Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure

3. Breathe on me, breath of God stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

4. Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

## Prayers of the People

### The Prayer of Jesus

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

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**AMAZON SMILE** Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com>.

**Offering** – we will not be collecting your offerings during the service. Please plan to share them at the welcome table as you arrive or as you leave worship.

Thank you for being the church with us!

### Music Offering

All Hail the Power    Tune: Coronation, Oliver Holden

### Benediction

Leader: As we go from here, hear again the promises of God,

made long ago to our ancestor Jacob,  
and still true for us today:  
I am the Lord your God,  
the God of Abraham and Isaac.  
Know that I am with you,  
and will keep you wherever you go.  
I will not leave you  
until I have done everything that I have promised.  
Let's go from here  
in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

**\*Hymn #588 In the Garden Hymns for the Family of  
God (Gold Hymnal)**

**1. I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.**

**Refrain:**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.**

**REFRAIN**

**3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.**

**PRAYERS WITH A PASTOR**

During the last piece of music, the postlude, those wishing to pray with a pastor or receive a blessing are invited to



come to the railing and share their joys or concerns. The pastors will then offer a private prayer and blessing with you

**\*POSTLUDE**

Blessed Assurance     Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$6,324.00
Calendar 2022 (Jan-April)	\$127,458.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-April)	\$125,842.00
Change from Last Year	1.3%
Budget (July-April)	\$350,930.00
Actual (July-April)	\$351,563.00
Giving vs. Budget	-0.2%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Na</b>
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>na</b>
Children's Church	<b>13</b>

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
Last Week:	lbs, \$75
Total YTD:	3,633 lbs, \$360

## **Presentations to the Glory of God**

***Spread the Good News :***

***Happy 21st Birthday on the 17th Ryan Correll!  
Love Mom& Brooke***

*Be a sponsor for \$20, send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or \$8 for Children's Bulletin.*

*Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.*

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