



May 29, 2022
Memorial Sunday
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 or like us on Facebook at 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 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 Lucille Kuhns
Ushers: Members of Consistory
Sound: Dawn Dengler

Due to the rising number in Covid cases, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

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.

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Prelude Brass Ensemble

Let There Be Peace on Earth

8:00 Mitchell Roth, Matt Gerry

10:30 Justin Bower, Andy Hill, Garet Hill, Matt Gerry, Mitchell Roth

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Call to Worship

(On Earth Peace website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>)

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

ALL: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

ALL: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

ALL: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

ALL: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

ALL: we proclaim the God of Hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

ALL: we proclaim the God of Love.

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Opening Prayer

(*Creation Sings Your Praise*, edited by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, Canterbury Press, 2010.)

Leader: Let us pray together

**ALL: God of the impossible,
We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation;
When the challenges seem too many,
Remind us of your resurrection power;
When the task seems overwhelming,
Remind us of the miracle of love;
And when apathy threatens us,
Remind us of your vision of a world made whole.
Help us to hope that the impossible can happen
And live as if it might do so today. 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 : #690 America the Beautiful—Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)**

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A throughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law

3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
Til all success be nobleness and every gain divine

4. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea

Mornings with Ms. Tiffany 10:30am Worship

Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for a time designed just for them! This time will include a variety of activities that will change weekly. It will be including things such as reading stories, watching videos, crafts, movement, music, and lots of fun!

SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

I Chronicles 29:10-13

10 Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

11 Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

12 Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

13 And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name..

2nd Reading

Galatians 5:16-26

15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,
21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.
24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Gospel

Matthew 6:7-15

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.
8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
9 "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;
15 but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

THE MESSAGE

On Earth as it is in Heaven

Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

Pastor Allan served as one of our interim ministers in 2016-2018. We are glad to welcome him back!

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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OFFERING ENVELOPES you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

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Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

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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

The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte
Ronda Gerry, soprano (10:30)

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

The congregation responded to the invitation to submit names of those who died during military service. We remember all who served, but on the Memorial Day, especially those who died in military service and whose names are listed here:

PVT Larry W. Bachman, U.S. Army
Ensign Vernon G. Kern, U.S. Navy
W-O David P. Kuhns, U.S. Army-Air Force
SP4 Larry R. Lalan, U.S. Army
Richard Wehr, U.S. Army

All unknown soldiers who gave their lives in service

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY By Maren C. Tirabassi

**ALL: God, we come with Taps in our hearts
remembering those who have died for others,
soldiers, sailors, air corps, in this country and others,
remembering those who risk life for others,
coast guard, firefighter, law enforcement,
both near and far away,
remembering those who go forth
in emergency response, disaster relief,
and aid to victims of war,
remembering those who witness for justice
in the face of opposition,
and remembering our own losses –
some, fresh wounds,
some, long-familiar sadnesses.
Day is come, not just one,
but a year full of dawns
in the east.
While some rest, we are blest,
given peace. Amen.**

Leader: We remember that Memorial Day began when Confederate war widows decorated the far-from-home graves of Union soldiers.

ALL: We remember – and pray for those who grieve on all sides of a conflict.

Leader: We remember that Memorial Day also began at Charleston's Washington Race Course when newly freed slaves

honored prisoners of war.

ALL: We remember – and pray for people everywhere who are seeking freedom or living with the loss of freedom.

Leader: We remember that May 30 was chosen for Memorial Day because it was one day that did not commemorate a particular battle.

ALL: We remember — and pray for a time when every day is an anniversary of peace.

Leader: We remember ANZAC Day, when Australians and New Zealanders memorialize not only those in combat, but nurses, stretcher bearers, conscientious objectors, and those who bear home front burdens.

ALL: We remember – and pray to be aware of the gifts of many in our common causes.

Leader: We remember Christmas Eve truces and paper cranes, amnesties and poppies, folded flags and the desperate need of veterans for gratitude made real in support.

ALL: We remember — and pray for a memorializing, not confined to a holiday but alive in the spirits of young and old, enlisted and civilian, brand new Americans and those with deep hometown-roots, people of every faith, no faith and people willing to leave their politics outside the door in order to embrace everyone. God, be with us as we remember. Amen.

Benediction

Leader: May the blessing of the God of peace and justice
be with us;

May the blessing of the Son
who weeps the tears of the world's suffering
be with us;

And may the blessing of the Spirit
who inspires us to reconciliation and hope
be with us

from now into eternity.

Amen.

***Hymn #682 A Song of Peace—Hymns for the Family Of God (Gold)**

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands a far and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song, Though God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done;
Let Christ be lifted up 'til all men serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one:
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations
Myself I give thee let thy will be done.

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for men in every place;
And yet I pray for my beloved country
The reassurance of continued grace:
Lord help us find our oneness in the Savior
In spite of differences of age and race.

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,304.00
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>	

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	21
10:30 am (includes children)	35
Children's Church	

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

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

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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