

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at <a href="www.unionucc.org">www.unionucc.org</a> or like us on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/unionneffs">www.facebook.com/unionneffs</a>.

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 <u>pastorkris@unionucc.org</u> 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 on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Lay Reader: Foug Kuntz

Ushers: Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl, Maryann

Puia, Eric Minnich, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout

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.

#### Prelude

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Spiritual

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We yearn to be in the presence of the Holy One,

ALL: To linger in the house of prayer, Leader: To walk beside still streams,

ALL: To behold the radiance of creation,

Leader: To sing as matches our joy, **ALL: To offer our sacrifice of service.** 

Leader: To dwell all our days enfolded in the love of God, ALL: To praise God with our deeds and melodies.

# **Opening Prayer**

(Christine Longhurst, re:Worship) Leader: Let us pray together

ALL: Faithful God,

we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people.

When we call out to You, You answer.

When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on.
When we find ourselves in trouble,
You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or spirit

# And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples.

# In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: #6 This Is My Father's World—Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)

- 1. This is my Father's world; And to my listening ears All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought
- 2. This is my Father's world. The birds their carols raise The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me Everywhere
- 3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet

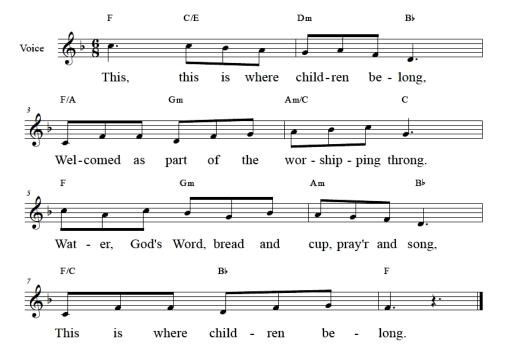
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one

# Mornings with Ms. Tiffany 10:30am Worship

Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for a time designed just for them! This 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!

Children will be in Room 7 (basement) and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs

# This Is Where Children Belong



#### **SCRIPTURE** Luke 8: 26-39

- 26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.
- 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.
- 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—
- 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

- 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.
- 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
- 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.
- 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
- 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.
- 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.
- 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.
- 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
- 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,
- 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### THE MESSAGE

Guest Preacher Susan Glosan

### **Prayers of the People**

#### The LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### Offering/Offertory

# Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC

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

<u>ELECTRONIC GIVING</u> This is a great time to try e-giving! Choose a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Just click on "online giving" on our website.

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

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

Consistory has decided to move back to usher collected offering in people's seats starting June 5. This will be for all Sundays when we are in the sanctuary.

(6/19, 7/3, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21,9/4)

On Sundays when we are in the grove (6/26, 7/17, 7/31, 8/14, 8/28)
we will continue to collect offering at the welcome tables. Our hope is that on August 7 we will return to usher served Communion as well.

Starting June 12-September 4 we will only have 1 worship service at 1030am.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to love and serve God together,

The Consistory Officers, Pastors, and JD Fekula - Coordinator

**Musical Offering**Open Our Eyes Robert Cull

# **Presentation of Offering**

# #139 I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me—Sing! Prayer Praise



#### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, Pa Aften Hamm, Consistory President presiding

#### **Benediction**

(Literature & Liturgy. https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/)
Leader: May the holy wisdom of God
Guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God
Enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God
Give you life, and life to the full!

Amen!

# \*Hymn #5 Morning Has Broken –Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)

- Morning has broken, like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
- Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dew fall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sun-light! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day

#### \*POSTLUDE

Sweet By and By

Joseph P. Webster

#### **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		
Last Week	\$5,911.00	
Calendar 2022 (Jan- May)	\$158,771.00	
Calendar 2021 (Jan May)	\$152,924.00	
Change from Last Year	+3.8%	
Budget (July-May)	\$378,43000	
Actual (July-May)	\$382,876.00	
Giving vs. Budget	+1.2%	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		

Attendance Last Week	
10:30 am (includes children)	88

2021 Donations to the		
Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
Last	\$50	
Week:		
Total	3,803 lbs, \$410	
YTD:		

# Presentations to the Glory of God

# Spread the Good News : In memory of Gordon Rothrock from Lucille Kuhns, Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz, and families

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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