



**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](https://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: Claire Kern

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

Sound: Karl Klinger/ Mike Baer

**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.**

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

## **Prelude**

Blue Monk

Jazz Ensemble: Blake Hoppes-piano, Mike Baer-guitar, Malcolm Mackenzie – Bass, Matt Gerry – Trumpet

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Call to Worship**

(© 2011 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year A, used with permission.)

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**ALL: Because of God's everlasting goodness,  
we offer God our thanks and praise.**

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**ALL: Because of God's care and concern for humanity,  
we offer God our thanks and praise.**

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**ALL: Because of God's transforming powers and actions,  
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—  
and we offer God our thanks and praise. Amen.**

### **Opening Prayer**

(Moiria Laidlaw, posted on her [Liturgies Online](#) website)

Leader: Let us pray together

**ALL: God, companion and guide,  
we would be lost without your direction—  
wanderers in wildernesses of our own making.**

**We praise you for dealing so graciously  
with your people in the past,  
when you guided them to freedom and a promised new life.**

**We are heirs of that promise fulfilled in Jesus,  
our Redeemer and Lord.**

**Through him, you have established for us  
a permanent direction for our lives  
and as we dwell in him, our lives are blessed  
with fruitfulness.**

**Holy God, may this time of worship  
be a joyful response of praise and thanksgiving  
for all that you have done,  
for all that you are doing,  
and for all that you will continue to do for us and all people  
through the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of Jesus. 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 : #377 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee—Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed

Wellspring of the joy of living,  
 ocean depth of happy rest  
 Thou our father, Christ our brother,  
 all who live in love are thine  
 Teach us how to love each other,  
 lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
 with the morning stars began  
 Father love is reigning o'er us,  
 brother love binds man to man  
 Ever singing, march we onward,  
 victors in the midst of strife  
 Joyful music lead us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### Music Offering

Every Time I Feel the Spirit      Spiritual  
 Jazz Ensemble

### 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 at the gazebo and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children over by the garden.

### This Is Where Children Belong

Chord progression for "This Is Where Children Belong":

F C/E Dm B $\flat$

Voice

This, this is where child-ren be - long,

F/A Gm Am/C C

3 Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.

F Gm Am B $\flat$

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5 F Gm Am Bb

Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,

7 F/C Bb F

This is where child - ren be - long.

## SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

5:14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

5:15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

5:16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

5:17 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.

5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,

5:21 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.

5:22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## THE MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Oesterle

Rev. Laura currently serves at Assistant Chaplain at Moravian University in Bethlehem where they live with their wife, dogs, daughter and plant family

### **HYMN #619 I Love to Tell the Story—Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)**

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story because I now 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

**Refrain: I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love**

2. I love to tell the story More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams  
I love to tell the story it did so much for me  
And that is just the reason as nothing else can do

**Refrain: I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love**

3. I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word

**Refrain: I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love**

4. I love to tell the story for those who know it best  
Seems hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song  
'twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long

**Refrain: I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love**

## 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**  
**OFFERING ENVELOPES.** If you can't attend worship, you can  
mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one  
side, just add a stamp.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** Choose to give a repetitive contribution  
on a regular basis (i.e weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), or make  
single contributions whenever you desire in an amount of your  
choice. These contributions can be made from a credit/debit card  
or be deducted from a checking or savings account. Electronic  
contributions are initiated from Union UCC's website  
(UnionUCC.org). Click on 'giving', then on 'Ways to Give' and  
follow the prompts. Feel free to contact John Harting  
610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-398-2654) to answer your  
questions or demonstrate the process.

**MOBILE GIVING.** If you would like to give on the go, Vanco, the  
company that processes our e-giving transactions, has a mobile  
app that allows you to do so. Open your app search screen,  
search under "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" and follow the  
prompts.

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

Consistory has decided to move back to usher collected offer-  
ing in people's seats starting June 5. This will be for all Sun-  
days 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

**(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.

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**

What a Wonderful World – George Weiss & Bob Thiele  
Jazz Ensemble

### **Benediction**

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 #660 I want Jesus to Walk with Me**

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

### **\*POSTLUDE**

Four Miles Davis  
Jazz Ensemble



# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	
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%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>62</b>

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

## Presentations to the Glory of God

### ***Spread the Good News :***

***In memory of mother, Gloria Beltz  
from Wes, Maria, and family***

*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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