

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: 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.

# \*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**

(Moira 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)

- 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**

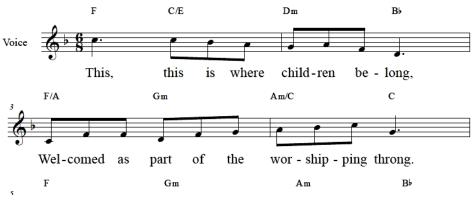
Every Time I Feel the Spirit Spiritual Jazz Ensemble

# Mornings with Ms. Tiffany 10:30am Worship

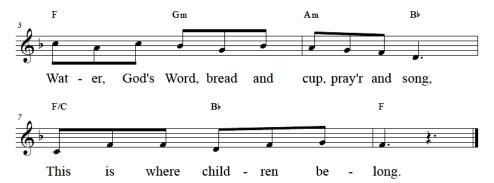
Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for a time designed just for them! This will include a variety of activities that will change weekly. It will be including things such as reading stories, watching videos, crafts, movement, music, and lots of fun!

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



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# **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)

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.

<u>MOBILE GIVING.</u> 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 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 (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

- 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

### **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%
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

Attendance Last Week	
2021 Donations to the	

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

# 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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