

JUNE 5, 2022

8:00 and 10:30am Communion Graduate Sunday 401G Moment

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 <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: 8:00 Sue Steinmann; 10:30 Chrissy Shivok

Ushers: 8:00: Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

10:30:Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah,

Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzann Schneider

Sound: Doug Albert

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

Reverie Claude Debussy

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Call to Worship

(Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. https://spaciousfaith.com/)

Leader: God of wind and fire,

ALL: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

Leader: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

ALL: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

Leader: God of bread and wine,

ALL: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

Leader: So pour out your Spirit **ALL: Let sacred waters flow** Leader: Fill us with holy food.

ALL: May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

(Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog.)

Leader: Let us pray together

ALL: O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,

^{*}Please stand in body or spirit

we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts.

Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. 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.

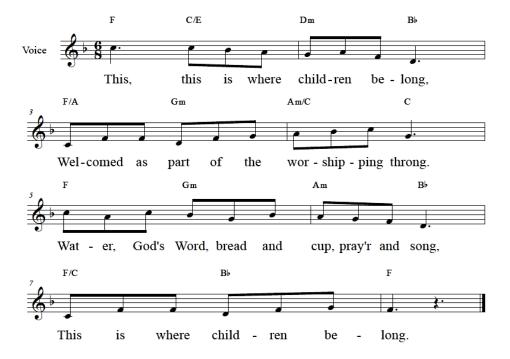
*HYMN: #278 Creator God, Creating Still—New Century Hymnal (Black)

- 1. Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed Create a new humanity to meet the present need
- 2. Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place
- 3. Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day Empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray
- 4. Great triune God, for this new day we need your presence still. Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

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!

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.



RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (see insert for names)

ALL: God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward in their journey, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your faithful presence and unconditional love. Help them know they never walk alone, trusting in you and remembering this family of faith. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as Modern day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them and guiding them. Help them see others through your eyes and be your heart and hands in the world, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 2:11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- 2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I

will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE MESSAGE God's Gifts to Us

Pastor Kayli Freeman

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory

401G Moment John Harting

Music Offering

How Great Thou Art Carl Gustav Boberg

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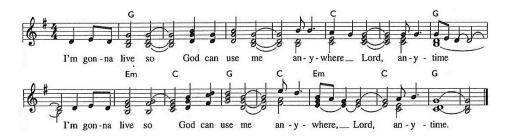
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Presentation of Offering

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



Order for Holy Communion

Invitation

L: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.

L: We come to this table, hungry to know our neighbor and be known by our neighbor; to love our neighbor and be loved by our neighbor. We come to this table, inspired by the love we have seen; love of God's creation, love of our neighbors and love of God's children. We come to this table, seeking more: seeking Christ's presence among us, filling us to go out and be that love for our world.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: May God be with you

C: And also with you!

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to God!

L: Let us give thanks to God most high.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: O Holy One, Breath of our Life, Originator of Grace, Source of Limitless Love, We thank you for our brother, Jesus, who showed us how to love our neighbor by speaking openly with a despised woman at noontime; for healing a blind outcast who had almost given up hope; for feeding 5,000 travelers with a miracle of generosity; by working through a Samaritan who helped a stranger who had been beaten, robbed; for reminding us that the greatest law is to love your neighbor as yourself. We thank you for our friend, Jesus, who called on us to love your children. We thank you for your creation that surrounds us with beauty and with what we need for life: remind us in this meal that we are called to steward it faithfully and justly.

JESUS' WORDS AT HIS LAST SUPPER

L: Jesus showed this love of neighbor on the eve of his death, when he gathered at table with his friends — Friends who often misunderstood him, one who had betrayed him, and others who would later deny him, but ALL who loved him — the night in which he gave himself up for us— he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Blessing

L: Breathe life in us, Holy Spirit of God—let these everyday gifts of bread and cup become for us soul-sustaining meal. As we share this meal, bring us together. Make us one loving community of neighbors.

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.

SHARING THE MEAL

L: Friends, the table is ready! This meal, like all of creation, is first and foremost a Gift from God. All are welcome

without exception.
L: Take and eat. Take and drink. Amen.

Musical Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer William B. Bradbury

Benediction

(Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

Leader: So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet we again,

Go in peace.

*Hymn #417 This Is A Day of New Beginnings—New Century Hymnal (Black)

- 1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone
- 2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit now as then, Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again
- 3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind

Our disappoint, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.

4. Christ is a live, and goes before us to show and share what love can do This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

*POSTLUDE

Jesus is all the World to Me (Tune: Elizabeth) Will L. Thompson

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,043.00
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%
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	32
10:30 am (includes children)	86
Children's Church	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
Last	170lbs, \$25	
Week:		
Total	3,803 lbs, \$360	
YTD:		

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

Congratulations to all of our Graduates and Families! Pastor Kayli and Pastor Kris

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.

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