

July 3, 2022 10:30am Summer Worship in the Sanctuary

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at <u>www.unionucc.org</u> or like us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/unionneffs</u>.
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: Leah Seyler Ushers: Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider Sound: Patrick Sorg

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude Music

Prelude A Song of Peace Brass Ensemble: Justin Bower, Andy Hill, Garet Hill, Mike Baer, Cameron Kuntz, Matt Gerry, and Lucas Maxwell

Prayerful Reflection The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world? Who made the swan, and the black bear? Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper, I mean the one who has flung herself out of the grass, the one who is eating sugar out of my hand, who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes. Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face. Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away. I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

Reflections from https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christianblog/2015/6/29/the-summer-day

The most famous lines of this poem are the last two: they're taped to mirrors and pinned to cork boards and framed in embroidery and on and on — and sure enough, they're lines worth remembering. But the heart of the poem is a couple of lines earlier: "Tell me, what else should I have done?" What else, that is, besides "falling down in the grass, being idle and blessed, strolling through the fields all day." At its heart, this poem is a little revolution, a provocative question mark beside the conventional answers to the query, *What makes for a day well lived? How should I spend this "summer day"? This summer day, I mean* —

the one we're in right now. The one we'll live in tomorrow. Oliver's potentially life-changing proposition is that we very well may need to rethink what a "productive day" looks like. It may look a lot less like a day tied to screens and email and housework and errands and getting things done, and a lot more like the simple, astonishing affair of getting to know a grasshopper. This grasshopper, I mean. And if we remember that not everyone today has the opportunity to take a day in the fields to be "idle and blessed," then this poem may redouble our efforts to build a world in which everyone — everyone! — has the occasional time and space to stroll through the fields, "wild and precious," holding out a little sugar in our hand.

Welcome

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: How have you known God's love this week? How have you been God's peace? Where have noticed God? Share some God stories with your neighbors around you as you remind them that – No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey:

ALL: You are welcome here.

(Please stand in body or spirit to greet each other and for our first song.)

*Hymn: America, the Beautiful #690 Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

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 thoroughfare 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 provedIn liberating strife,Who more than self their country loved,And mercy more than life.

America! America! May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

Please be seated.

Call to Worship Psalm 139

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eves beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them-they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

The Opening of Our Hearts Leader sings first time. ALL second time. Listen for directions to sing this in a round.

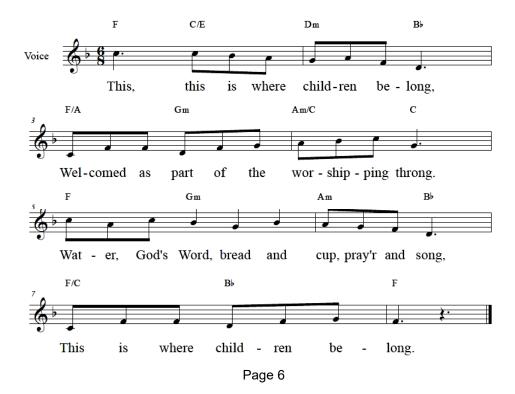
Gathering Chant #742 from the Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)



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 the basement and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.



Some Favorite Hymns

In the Garden I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear, falling on my ear The Son of God discloses And He walks with me And He talks with me And He tells me I am His own And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known

Amazing Grace Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found Was blind but now I see

Blessed Assurance Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

How Great Thou Art Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

The Old Rugged Cross On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of suffering and shame And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross) Till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown For The Beauty of the Earth For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise

Scripture Ephesians 4 Unity in the Body of Christ

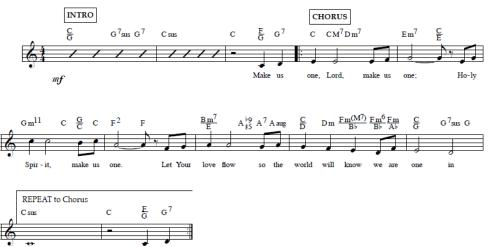
I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility, and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Our Response to God's Word in Song

Make Us One, Lord Carol Cymbala ALL: Sung, 2 times

Make us

You



More Favorite Hymns

Here I Am, Lord I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore You have come down to the lakeshore Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy. But only asking for me to follow. Jesus, you have looked into my eyes, Kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I've abandoned my small boat; Now with you, I will seek other seas. I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

The Summons Will You Come And Follow Me If I But Call Your Name? Will You Go Where You Don't Know And Never Be The Same? Will You Let My Love Be Shown, Will You Let My Name Be Known, Will You Let My Life Be Grown In You And You In Me?

A New Hymn Beautiful Things Gungor & Gungor

Verses – Solo, Julie Lane, Pastor Kris, Abigail Kern All: Chorus

All this pain I wonder if I'll ever find my way I wonder if my life could really change, at all All this earth Could all that is lost ever be found? Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

ALL: You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us All around.

Hope is springing up from this old ground Out of chaos life is being found, in you

ALL: You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

Oh, you make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new, You are making me new You make me new, You are making me new (Making me new)

ALL: You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us Oh, you make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us You make me new, You are making me new You make me new, You are making me new

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.

News about the Ministry and Mission of God's Church Offering:

When we worship in the sanctuary the offering will be collected by our ushers in your seats. When we worship outside in the grove the offering is collected at the welcome tables when you arrive or leave worship.

Thank you for the many ways in which you support God's work and God's people.

Musical Offering

My Country, 'Tis of Thee Tune: America Thesaurus Musicus, 1744 Arranged by John H. Head & Sue Mitchell-Wallace Mitchell Roth, trumpet Justin Bower, trumpet Blake Hoppes, organ **Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC** <u>OFFERING ENVELOPES.</u> 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.

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



Benediction

Leader: God of grace and God of Glory, as we go from this place, surround us with your peace and love, that we may take healing and hope to our families, communities, and world.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with each one of us and with this church. Amen.

*Hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth

#681 Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God) adapted

ALL: Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator Family all are we. Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now. With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Postlude Music Blake Hoppes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week			
		10:30 am		126	
Last Week	\$12,887.00	(includes children)		120	
Calendar 2022 (Jan- May)	\$158,771.00	2021 Donations to the			
Calendar 2021 (Jan	\$152,924.00	Northern	Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
May)	<i>•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••</i>	Last	400lbs, 9	\$25	
Change from Last Year	+3.8%	Week:			
Budget (July-May)	\$378,43000	Total	Total 4,203 lbs, \$435 YTD:		
Actual (July-May)	\$382,876.00				
Giving vs. Budget	+1.2%	OGHS to date:			
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		Total :	\$355.00		

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

In memory of John Steinmann

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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