



**July 10, 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 [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](http://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 on life's journey, you are welcome here.***

Lay Reader: Eric Minnich

Ushers: Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy, Laura Kohler

Sound: Patrick Sorg

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

### **Prelude Music**

Karla Bachl – thank you for being our substitute while Blake is on vacation!

### **Prayerful Reflection**

When you see someone doing a good deed for a stranger, do you get all warm and fuzzy inside and find yourself smiling? This is called **moral elevation** and it's that awesome sensation that goes all the way from your toes to the top of your head when you are in the presence of nice people.

Spreading some love by buying a stranger a coffee or helping an elderly person across the road are ways of putting some sunshine into someone's day. For some, this is already common knowledge but now it is officially scientific and yes, kindness is contagious! Studies have shown that kindness is highly contagious and makes people want to spread the love almost in a domino effect and do acts of kindness after witnessing others doing it.

In a 2008 study conducted by the University of California San Diego and Harvard University found that cooperative behavior can spread from one person to another and even to multiple people by mimicry and emotional contagion to cause a ripple effect of happiness. People can literally catch kindness!

—Vanessa Van Edwards, “The kindness contagion”, *Medium*, December 12, 2016, [medium.com](http://medium.com).

Everyone agrees kindness is a good thing. Every world religion teaches it, in one form or another:

“A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.”  
—Muhammad.

“Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in feeling creates love.” —Lao Tzu (founder of the Chinese religion, Taoism).

“When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I

admire kind people.” —Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.

“If you light a lamp for someone, it will also brighten your path.”  
—Buddhist saying.

I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

—Maya Angelou.

## 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?

Are there God stories that you can reflect on or share with your neighbors as we remind each other 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: #677 They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**  
(Gold Hymnal, Hymns for the Family of God)

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

**Chorus: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**(CHORUS)**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;**

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

**(CHORUS)**

Please be seated.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, neighbors and strangers,

**ALL: Response: prophets and seekers of justice,**

Leader: those who need a helping hand,

**ALL: and those who have something to offer.**

Leader: Whether your faith is weak or strong,

**ALL: let's be neighbors in this place.**

**PRAYER**

Leader: God of love and compassion, you call us to be people of compassion, too: to experience in our living the lives of others, to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows. In this time of worship speak to us again your words of love and remind us again of what it means to be a neighbor. We pray in the name of Jesus, the ultimate neighbor. Amen

**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)

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### 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.

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

3 F/A Gm Am/C C

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

5 F Gm Am B♭

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

7 F/C B♭ F

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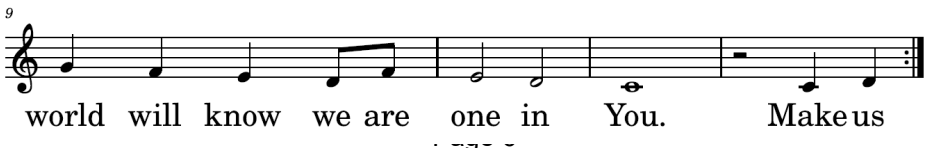
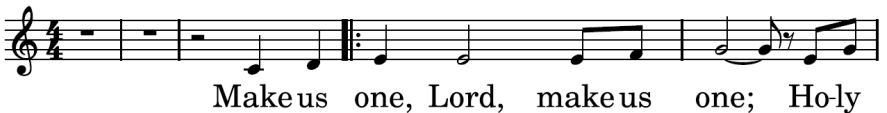
### Music Offering - Emily Bachl

## Scripture Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## Our Response to God's Word in Song

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



# The Message

Neighbors

Pastor Kris

## Music Offering

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.

### There's a Spirit of Love in This Place



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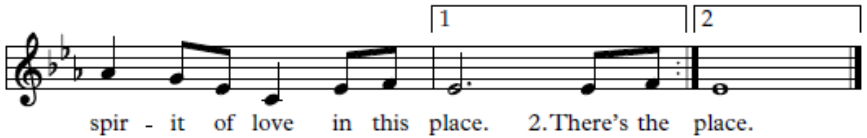
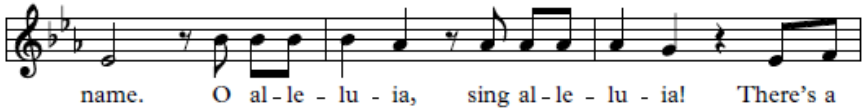
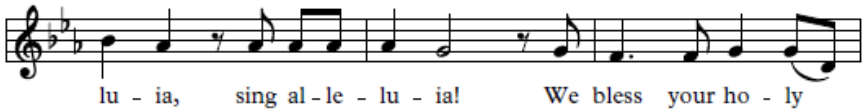
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## News about the Ministry and Mission of God's Church

### 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.

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace and compassion, may our gifts enable your church to be a place where strangers become friends, outcasts are welcomed, seekers receive, and doubters find faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Musical Offering

Karla Bachl

**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.

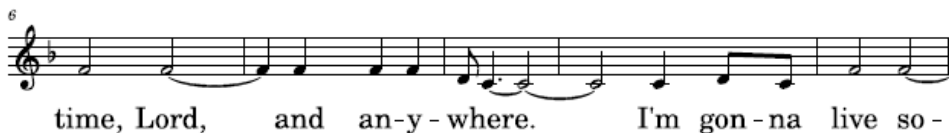
**MOBILE GIVING.** If you would like to give on the go, Vanco, the company that processes our e-giving transactions, has a mobile app that allows you to do so. Open your app search screen, search under “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” and follow the prompts.

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

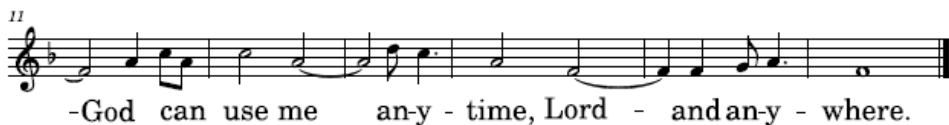
### **Offering Response #139 I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me—Sing! Prayer Praise**



I'm gon-na live so - God can use me - an-y-



6  
time, Lord, and an-y - where. I'm gon-na live so -



11  
-God can use me any - time, Lord - and an-y - where.

## **Benediction**

Leader: Go from this gathering to meet your neighbor with open hands and an open heart, giving and receiving the goodness of God's love! Love and serve God, love and serve each other, love, love, love yourself. Amen.

**\*Hymn #541** They Asked, Who's My Neighbor?" (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)

**ALL: They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love;  
for whom should I do a good deed?"  
The Master related a story and said,  
"It's anyone who has a need,  
yes, anyone who has a need."**

**There once was a traveler set on by thieves  
who beat him and left him to die;  
a Priest and a Levite each saw him in pain,  
but they turned away and walked by,  
yes, they turned away and walked by.**

**A certain Samaritan then came along  
to bind up his wounds and give aid;  
he took him to stay at an inn until well,  
and for all the service he paid,  
yes, for all the service he paid.**

**I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love,  
for whom I should do a good deed;  
for Christ made it clear in the story he told:  
it's anyone who has a need,  
yes, anyone who has a need.**

## **Postlude Music**

Karla Bachl

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$6,705.00
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%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>81</b>

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
Last Week:	\$25
Total YTD:	4,203 lbs, \$460

<b>OGHS to date:</b>	
Total :	\$355.00

## Presentations to the Glory of God

***Spread the Good News :***

***Happy 23rd Anniversary in Heaven Rich, Love you  
Deana Correll***

*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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