



**July 24, 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 are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Lay Reader: Dana Gaumer

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

Sound: Mike Baer

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

**Prelude Music  
Blake Hoppes**

**Prayerful Reflection**

***The Child Is Born Again (Ann Weems, Kneeling in Bethlehem)***

*Each year the Child is born again.  
Each year some new heart  
finally hears  
finally sees  
finally knows love.  
And in heaven  
there is great rejoicing!  
There is a festival of stars!  
There is celebration among the angels!  
For in the finding of one lost sheep,  
the heart of the Shepherd is glad, and  
Christmas has happened once more.  
The Child is born anew  
and one more knee is bowed!*

**Not celebrate? (Ann Weems)**

Your burden is too great to bear?  
Your loneliness is intensified during this Christmas season?  
Your tears have no end?  
Not celebrate?  
You should lead the celebration!  
You should run through the streets  
to ring the bells and sing the loudest!  
You should fling the tinsel on the tree,  
and open your house to your neighbors, and call them in  
to dance!  
For it is you above all others who know the joy of Advent.  
It is unto you that a Savior is born this day,  
One who comes to lift your burden from your shoulders,  
One who comes to wipe the tears from your eyes.  
You are not alone,  
for He is born this day to you.

## 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: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

**O Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.  
Give to our Father glory in in the Highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

**All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
O Jesus! For evermore be Thy name adored.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

Please be seated.

## Call to Worship

*Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution website. rev-o-lution.org.*

Leader: Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Come and be with us again.

**People: We celebrate the birth of the Christ child, and await his birth in July, not just December!**

Leader: Come, O Come, into our lives in a new way.

**People: We actively participate in our world to build your reign on earth in July, not just December**

Leader: Come, O Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

**People: Merry Christmas! Noel! Feliz Navidad! Frohliche Weinachten! Christ is born today in July! Christ is born every day in our hearts, in our lives, in our church, in our community, in our world.**

## Prayer

*Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-ultion website. rev-o-lution.org.*

Leader: Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus, Born to set Thy People Free. Savior and Friend, remind us this day that you became one of us. You were born like us, you walked this earth like us and you have risen from the dead as we will one day rise. Emmanuel, God with Us, remind us of your presence throughout the year, as sometimes we lose sight, we forget, and we feel alone, lost and forsaken. Remind us of your birth, your life, your death and your resurrection, as we walk the journey of our own lives. Remind us that we do not walk this journey alone. In the name of Christ, the Light of the World, the Incarnate God, we pray. Amen.

## Affirmations of Faith

**Right Side:** We believe in Jesus Christ and his gospel, born to us all so long ago in Bethlehem of Judea.

**Left Side:** We believe in him whose birth glorified Bethlehem, but for whom there was no room in the inn.

**Right Side:** We believe in him whose guiding star brought together to his manger the humble shepherds and the wise men.

**Left Side:** We believe in him whose guiding star can bring together in his name the humble and the wise everywhere.

**Right Side:** We believe in him who walked among the common people, and who was welcomed by those with open

minds and yearning hearts, whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the sick and afflicted, welcomed and accepted as their Lord and Savior.

**Left Side:** We believe in him whose life changed the course of history, over whom kings had no power, whose life humbled the proud, toppled the mighty and elevated those of low degree.

**Right Side:** We believe in him whose love changed human hearts for the better, and whose life and death on the cross proved that it is more important to serve than to be served, and that the greatest are those who give their lives in service for others.

**Left Side:** We believe in him who is the Prince of Peace, whose spirit makes for justice and peace among all peoples, everywhere.

**ALL:** We believe that the Christmas spirit — the Spirit of Christ — is the Spirit that can change the world for the better through the power of love, faith and hope.

—Adapted by Dr. A. Howard Gabriel partly from a Christmas creed by Walter Russell Bowie and from an anonymous South American creed.

### The Opening of Our Hearts

Leader sings first time.

**ALL second time. Listen for directions to sing this in a round.**

Gathering Chant #742 Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)

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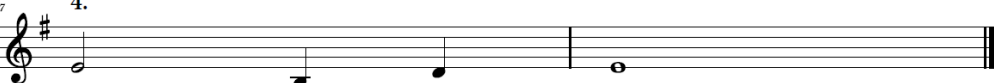
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Spir - it draw near.

# 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.

Chords: F, C/E, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, Am/C, C, F, Gm, Am, Bb, F/C, Bb, F

Voice

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This, this is where child-ren be - long,  
Wel- comed as part of the wor- ship - ping throng.  
Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,  
This is where child - ren be - long.

## Scripture The Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

### Reflections

Pastor Kris

### Carol

#### REFRAIN

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light REFRAIN**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the Earth  
Rang out the angel's chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth REFRAIN**

**Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn REFRAIN**

**Scripture The Magnificat Luke 1:47-55**

**Reflections  
Pastor Kris**

**Carol  
Away in a manger,  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay**

**The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side,  
'Til morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever**

**And love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven  
To live with Thee there**

**Scripture The Gloria Luke 2:1-14(15-20)**

**Reflections Pastor Kris**

**Carol**

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strain**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be?  
Which inspire your heavenly songs?**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

### **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

### *401(g) Discipleship Portfolio*

How are your summer faith investments doing?

In a 401(k) one invests resources for the future and retirement.  
In a 401(g) (g=God) we are investing in our spiritual lives hoping for  
short and long term returns (blessings!), on earth as in heaven.

### *401(g) Ways to Invest in Loving God, Neighbor, & Self Wholeheartedly:*

**g = God - worship, prayer, meditation, study, relationship. ALL the g's!**

**g = good - do good/serve, create goodness, notice goodness.**

**g = grace - receive and share God's grace.**

**g = gratitude - express gratitude to God and others.**

**g = generosity - give and love with your whole heart and life.**

**g = gold - money, resources, treasures, material goods.**

**g = goals - hopes and dreams, God's dream and mission.**

**g = gifts—talents, friendship, compassion, kindness, love, fruits of the  
spirit, your passions and the world's needs intersect.**

**g = grit and grind - perseverance, patience, hope, trust, courage,  
strength, growth, meaning, purpose.**

From Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team:  
Don Penrod, Marianne Kitzmiller, John Harting, Rick Klingensmith, Larry Todd,  
Aften Hamm, Phil Wehr

**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

**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**

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a whole rest, followed by the lyrics "I'mgon-na live so - God can use me - an-y-". The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to Bb, with lyrics "time, Lord, and an-y-where. I'm gon-na live so -". The third staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to Bb, with lyrics "-God can use me any - time, Lord - andany - where." The lyrics are hyphenated across the staves to match the musical phrasing.

**Benediction**

Leader: Merry Christmas in July! May the love, hope, grace, and peace of God guide your days and your week as you

share these gifts with those around you.

**\*Hymn Joy to the World**

**Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

**Postlude Music  
Blake Hoppes**

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

| <b>Offering<br/>(e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>                        |              |
|---|--------------|
| 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<br/>Consistory Minutes</i> |              |

| <b>Attendance Last Week</b>     |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 10:30 am<br>(includes children) |  |

| <b>2021 Donations to the<br/>Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b> |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Last Week:  | 400lbs,          |
| Total YTD:  | 4,203 lbs, \$460 |

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

## **Presentations to the Glory of God**

***Spread the Good News :***

***Thanks be to God and prayers my test came back good. Carolyn Barry***

***In honor of George and Leoma Kern's 45th wedding anniversary.***

***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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