



**July 31, 2022**  
**10:30am Summer Worship in the Grove**

**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: Donna Christman  
Ushers:  
Sound: Doug Albert, Dawn Dengler

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

## **Prelude Music**

For the Beauty of the Earth      Follriott S. Pierpoint

## **Prayerful Reflection**

Me: Hey God.

God: Hello, My love.

Me: The world is completely out of control!

God: I know. It's such an adventure, right?

Me: No! It's like being on a runaway train! I need to feel like I am in control of my life.

God: You want to be in control?

Me: Yes!

God: You are living on a spinning wet rock of a planet that resides next to a constantly exploding fireball in the middle of an ever-expanding universe that is filled with mysteries beyond your wildest imagination.

Me: Um, okay....

God: And on this planet that you are hurtling through the great expanse in - you are coexisting with billions of other people who have free-will and their own experiences that shape their perspectives and beliefs.

Me: Yeah...?

God: And while all this is going on your soul is residing in a physical body that is such a miracle of delicate engineering that at any given moment could produce its last heartbeat.

Me: Right...

God: What is it about your existence that you think you have any control of?

Me: Um...

God: Come on - you know the answer to this. What can you control?

Me: How kind I am to people?

God: Yep and one other thing.

Me: What's that?

God: How kind you are to yourself. Aside from that - most of everything else is a bit outside of your design.

Me: That's a bit terrifying...

God: All great adventures are!

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~ john roedel

## 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: #458 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

**ALL:**

**1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love,  
at the impulse of thy love.**

**2 Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.**

**3. Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold,  
not a mite would I withhold.**

**4. Take my love; my God, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

Please be seated.

## Call to Worship

**ALL:** We come here from the world whose siren song tells us that we do not have enough – we do not buy enough – we are not enough. Here we re-learn God’s wisdom – that we have enough if we share; that security cannot be found in the marketplace; that we are always enough. Centre us once again, Holy God. Ground us in your love. Grow us toward your sense of abundance: abundant listening active love fullest life.

## Prayer

Leader: Living God, open our hearts to the real treasures in life: may we seek the love that lasts, the song that echoes, and the life everlasting. Open our hearts to the Christ, the Spirit of life, and you, the Creator of all – the Eternal One. 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 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 gazebo and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children over by the garden.

Voice

F C/E Dm Bb

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 Bb

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

7 F/C Bb F

This is where child - ren be - long.

## Scripture

### Psalm 107:1–9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

### **Hosea 11:1–11**

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

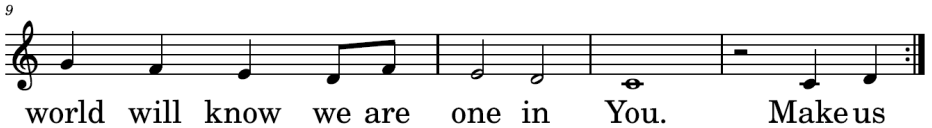
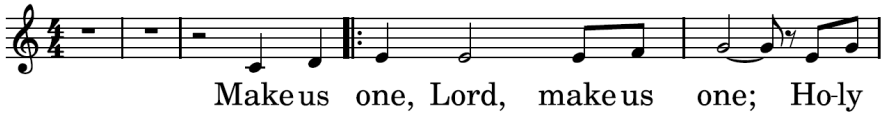
How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce

anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## Our Response to God's Word in Song

Make Us One, Lord Carol Cymbala

**ALL: Sung, 2 times**



### The Message

Carrie Beleno, Interim Pastor of Visitation

**Hymn #495 Called As Partner's In Christ's Service** (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)

**ALL:**

**1. Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,**

**Blending human skills together gracious gifts  
from God unfold.**

**3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**4. So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
or compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope  
and confidence and peace.**

### **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.**





1. There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a  
(2. There's the) pres - ence of peace in this room, there's the



spir - it of love in this place. You can't  
pres - ence of peace in this room. In God's



see it, but it's there just as pre-cious as the air. There's a  
ten-der-ness is found peace that pass - es hu-man bounds. There's the



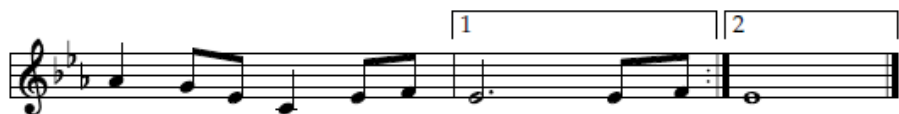
spir - it of love in this place. O al - le -  
pres - ence of peace in this room.



lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly



name. O al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a



spir - it of love in this place. 2. There's the place.

## Music Offering

Salt and Light Lauren Daigle

Abby Hill, vocals

Blake Hoppes, paino

## 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

As we are able, we have offered gifts in this place and on these plates. May they flow through this community and into the world and help to build your realm of enough for all. Amen.

### Musical Offering

How Great Thou Art  
Abby Hill, vocals  
Blake Hoppes, piano

Carl Gustav Boberg

**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.

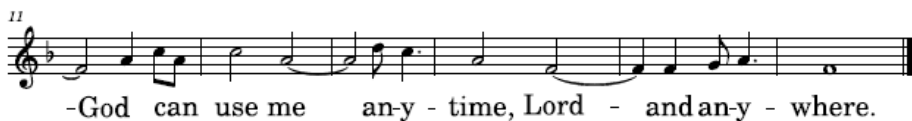
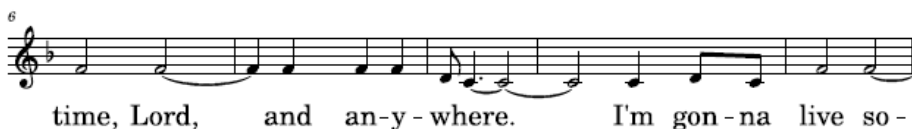
**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** Choose to give a repetitive contribution on a regular basis (i.e weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), or make single contributions whenever you desire in an amount of your choice. These contributions can be made from a credit/debit card or be deducted from a checking or savings account. 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.

**AMAZON 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



### Benediction

Leader: Go out into the world in courage and peace, holding lightly to the things of this world, and tightly to God's love.

**\*Hymn #120 Dream God's Dream** Sing! Prayer and Praise **SEE INSERT**

### Postlude Music

You Are My King (Amazing Love) Billy James Foote

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$5,603.00
Calendar 2022 (Jan-June)	\$191,507.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-June)	\$186,846.00
Change from Last Year	+2.5%
Budget (July-June)	\$413,200.00
Actual (July-June)	\$415,612.00
Giving vs. Budget	+0.6
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>82</b>

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
Last Week:	\$35.00
Total YTD:	4,203 lbs, \$495

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

***Spread the Good News :***

***Happy National Avocado Day- enjoy some chips  
and guacamole with your summertime fun.  
- Pastor Kayli***

***Congratulations to Sherry and Don Penrod on their  
25th wedding anniversary on July 26th.  
From the 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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