

### August 14, 2022 10:30am Summer Worship in the Grove Church Family Picnic

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at <a href="https://www.unionucc.org">www.unionucc.org</a> or like us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs">www.facebook.com/unionneffs</a>.

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: Don Penrod

Ushers: Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice

Metzger, Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy, Laura Kohler

Sound: Mike Baer, Pat Sorg

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

### **Prelude Music**

The Potter's Hand Darlene Zschech

### **Prayerful Reflection**

"What I Have Learned So Far"
-Mary Oliver

Meditation is old and honorable, so why should I not sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside, looking into the shining world? Because, properly attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion. Can one be passionate about the just, the ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit to no labor in its cause? I don't think so.

All summations have a beginning, all effect has a story, all kindness begins with the sown seed. Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of light is the crossroads of —indolence, or action.

Be ignited, or be gone.

### 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: : #438 When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul) –New Century Hymnal (Black)

1. When peace, like a river, upholds me each day When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say "It is well, it is well with my soul"

### Refrain

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul

2. Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, This blessed assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:

### Refrain

3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the lord, O my soul

### Refrain

4. O God, spead the day that is filled with your light, When clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear, "even so" it is well with my soul

#### Refrain

Please be seated.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

ALL: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: What does God command of us?

ALL: To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

ALL: But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us. and abides with us.

ALL: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

### **Prayer**

Leader: God of our being and our doing:

we come from so many places;
places of play and study and work;
places of joy and worry and fears;
places of loneliness and friendship.

We give you thanks that you meet us at all the places in our lives.

Give us the power to perceive you. Give us the courage to follow you.

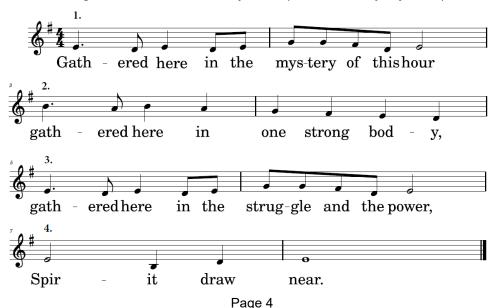
Amen.

### The Opening of Our Hearts

Leader sings first time.

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

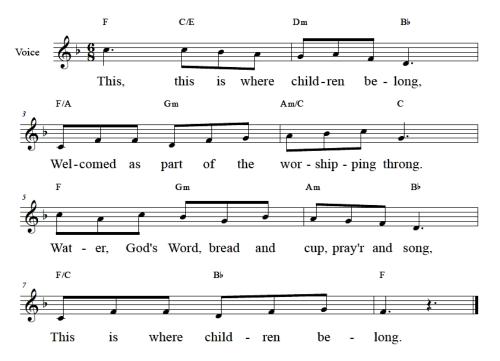
Gathering Chant #742 Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)



### 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 at the gazebo and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children over by the garden.



### **Scripture** The Gospel Of Luke 12:49-56

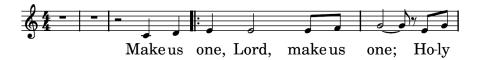
49"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

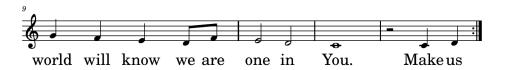
### Our Response to God's Word in Song

Make Us One, Lord Carol Cymbala

ALL: Sung, 2 times







### The Message

Will Division Inspire Us?

Pastor Kayli Freeman

### **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.

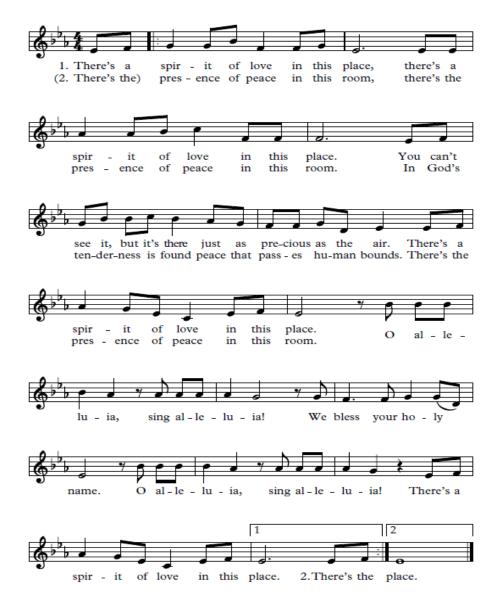
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God. Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word. Amen.

### **Musical Offering**

Soon and Very Soon **Mitchell Roth**, trumpet **Blake Hoppes**, piano

Andrae Crouch, Arr. Jack Schrader

### 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.

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.

<u>AMAZON SMILE.</u> Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop on Amazon <a href="https://mxites.com/http

## 401(g) Moment: Randy and Dede Bilger and the Man of the Year Team from the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society



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

### Blessing of the Food

### **Benediction**

Leader: Let us be determined to run the race that is ahead of us.

Take with you the blessings of Christ, who leads and makes faith complete; the blessing of our Heavenly Mother and Father, from whom we come; and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into us all.

May the God of our ancestors lead you into the future.

## \*Hymn #677 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love—Hymns for the Family of God (Gold)

1. 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 may one day be restored

### Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

2. 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

### Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

3. 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 man's dignity and save each man's pride

### Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

### Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

### **Postlude Music**

Here I Am To Worship

Tim Hughes

Portions of worship used from: (Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/)

Seasons of the Spirit seasonsonline.ca

### **Our Mission Statement of Our Church**

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future.

We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, **fellowship,** and outreach within our community and the world.

### **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		
Last Week		
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	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		

Attendance Last Week		
10:30 am (includes children)	118	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
Last		
Week:		
Total	4,303 lbs, \$520	
YTD:		

### Presentations to the Glory of God

### Spread the Good News:

# Remembering Pastor Tom playing softball at the church picnics.-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.

Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.

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