



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 www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at 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 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: 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, spread 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)

1.



Gath - ered here in the mys-tery of this hour

3. 2.



gath - ered here in one strong bod - y,

5. 3.



gath - ered here in the strug-gle and the power,

7. 4.



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 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.

Music notation for a song, featuring a voice line and chords. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 8/8.

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

Voice line lyrics:

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 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

Makeus one, Lord, makeus one; Holy
Spir - it; makeus one. Let Your love flow so the
world will know we are one in You. Makeus

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.

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.

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 Andrae Crouch, Arr. Jack Schrader
Mitchell Roth, trumpet
Blake Hoppes, piano

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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 on Amazon <https://smile.amazon.com>

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

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

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 YTD:	4,303 lbs, \$520

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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