



August 21, 2022
10:30am Summer Worship in the Sanctuary
Baptism

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: Sessions Are you thinking about deepening your faith commitment to Union UCC? We are hosting new member gatherings on **Sunday, October 9 and 16 at 9:15-10:15am.** To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family contact Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org

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: Janice Metzger

Ushers: Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl, Maryann Puia, Eric Minnich, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout

Sound: Dawn Dengler

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

Prelude Music

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Charles Wesley and Carl G. Glazer

Prayerful Reflection

From Kate Bowler: Wendell Berry said "every day do something that won't compute." So when things feel overwhelming, instead of worrying, why not set it down for a minute and say "I'll get to that later, I have something ridiculous to do, and it's urgent." You could learn all of the words to a song (like that one you've always mumbled through?), cross-stitch something inappropriate on a pillow, do a ketchup tasting...this is only the beginning.

What might you do today for no reason whatsoever? Promise me it will be dumb.

She's referring to this quote by Wendell Berry: "So, friends, every day do something that won't compute...Give your approval to all you cannot understand...Ask the questions that have no answers. Put your faith in two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years...Laugh. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts....Practice resurrection."

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:** : #5 Morning Has Broken Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

1. Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for the, springing Fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation Of the new day! Amen.

Please be seated.

Call to Worship

(Today's worship words are adapted from Seasons of the Spirit for August 21, 2022.)

Leader: God calls us. Whether we are young or old, bent over or standing tall, or somewhere in-between; in dry deserts and beside springs of water; when we feel strong and safe, and when we feel scared or abandoned. God calls all of us and offers to set us free from whatever keeps us bound. Let us come, then, and offer worship and praise to this wondrous God.

Prayer

Leader: O sacred Word of Life, we rejoice in your call in our lives. Open our ears to the whispering Spirit that gathers us into one body, – your church. 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

2.

 gath - ered here in one strong bod - y,

3.

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

4.


 Spir - it draw near.

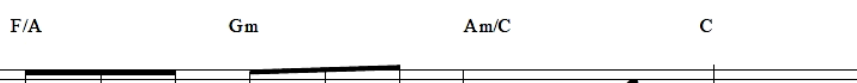
Mornings with Ms. Tiffany 10:30am Worship

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 in the basement and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.

Chord progression: F C/E Dm Bb

Voice

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

3

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

5
 Chord progression: F Gm Am Bb

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Luna Daisy Danner, child of Victoria Lacey and Brain Danner.

Sponsors: Brittany and Morgan Thomas

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll and Walker #613 With One Voice

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Scripture Luke 13:10–17

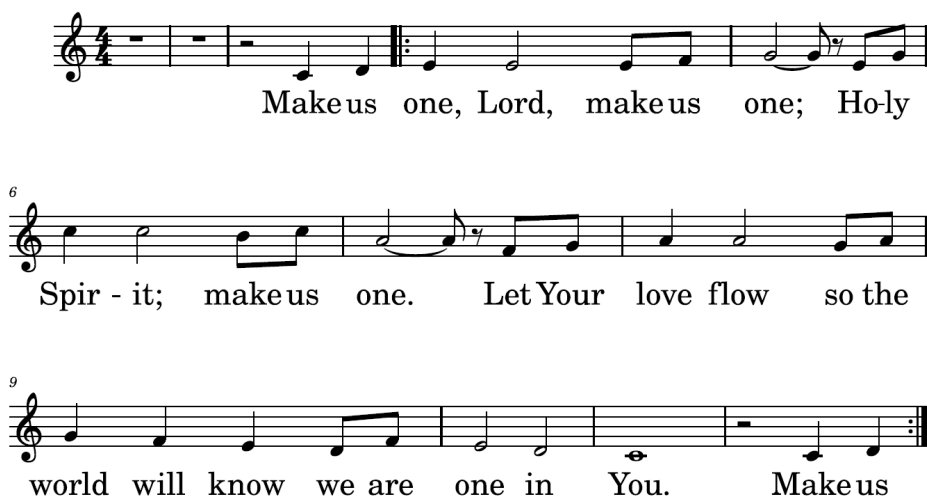
Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the

sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Our Response to God's Word in Song

Make Us One, Lord Carol Cymbala

ALL: Sung, 2 times



Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy

6 Spir - it; make us one. Let Your love flow so the

9 world will know we are one in You. Make us

The Message

Pastor Kris P. Snyder

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

1 2
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

In Christ, we receive a new room, a dwelling place that cannot be shaken. We give thanks, and offer God a pledge of our commitment, and the sign of our gratitude. May God accept our offerings and may the Spirit's fire refine it for God's service and glory. May we also be refined and freed to minister in God's name. Amen.

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



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

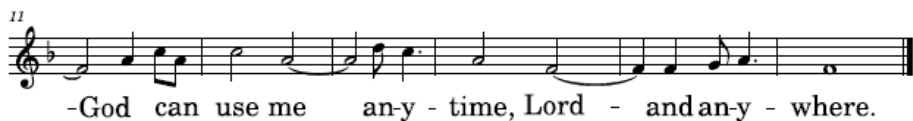


Musical Offering

Let There Be Praise

Dick & Melodie Tunney

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



Prayer

One: Healing God, when we shoulder burdens not ours to carry,

Response: unfold us with your grace.

One: When we clench our fists and our hearts with rage and anger,

Response: unfold us with your grace.

One: When we let ourselves become overwhelmed with things around us and ignore people,

Response: unfold us with your grace.

One: When we make unwise choices, or ones that we know are unfaithful to you,

Response: unfold us with your grace.

One: When we allow our doubts to shut us down rather than open us up to new wonderings and new possibilities,

Response: unfold us with your grace. Amen.

Blessing

One: God – who is our rock, our refuge, the one who rescues, heals, and loves us – also forgives us and sets us free to new and everlasting life.

PRAYERS WITH A PASTOR During the last hymn and the postlude you are invited to come to the railing if you would like a pastor to pray with you or receive a blessing.

Pastors will be masked and we will offer a blessing of anointing oil on your hand or forehead.

***Hymn #107** Amazing Grace! Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less day to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Postlude Music

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Tune: Resignation,
Richard Starr

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	\$9,097.18
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 :

***In honor of special music in the Grove this summer
from Phil and Julie Wehr***

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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