



**August 7, 2022**  
**10:30am Summer Worship in the Sanctuary**

### **COMMUNION**

**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](https://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: Eric Minnich

Ushers: Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider

Sound: Karl Klinger

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

**Prelude Music**  
**In the Garden      C. Austin Miles**

**Prayerful Reflection**

Eternal God, open us to your life-giving grace. Empower us with the faith that supports us when we feel unsure, that dares to challenge things that need to change, and that reminds us that you are never far away. Amen.

(Seasons of the Spirit)

**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: #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness (Black Hymnal/ New Century Hymnal)**

**ALL:**

**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.**

**Refrain:**

**Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand hand provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me**

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,**

Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To your great faithfulness, me, and love.

### Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

### Refrain

Please be seated.

### Call to Worship

Leader: All day long, God calls to Earth.

**ALL: All day long, Earth answers.**

Leader: The rivers run, and grasses blow, sand shifts and shifts again. Lava churns deep within Earth. All day long, God calls to Earth.

**ALL: All day long, Earth answers.**

Leader: Ocean tides rush in and out, and creatures swim along. Trees bend and straighten, and mountains sing the song of the ancients. All day long, God calls to Earth.

**ALL: All day long, Earth answers.**

Leader: Dusk to dawn, day to night, six days turn to seven. All day long, God calls to Earth.

**ALL: All day long, Earth answers.**

Leader: God's people come together, friend and stranger. Let us join with all creation in praising our wondrous God. All day long, God calls to Earth.

**ALL: All day long, Earth answers.**

### Prayer

Leader: The inner workings of our minds are amazing, God. Our thoughts and insights, actions and ideas create possibilities that become clearer and more defined as we look with intent in response to your call. As we gather together and look through the windows that open to life-giving, just, and faithful pathways, enlarge our faith that we might step beyond our places of comfort, assured that our actions will reveal your life-giving grace. 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.

gath - ered here in one strong bod - y,

5.

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

7.

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.

F C/E Dm Bb

Voice

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

F/A Gm Am/C C

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

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.

## Scripture

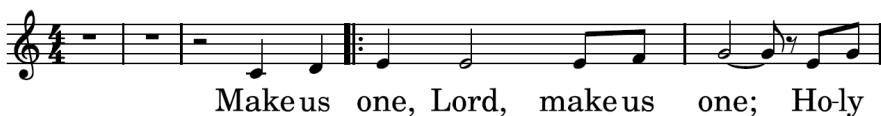
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Our Response to God's Word in Song

Make Us One, Lord Carol Cymbala

**ALL: Sung, 2 times**



**The Message** Pastor Kris

### Statement about faith (Seasons of the Spirit)

Leader: Faith is...

**ALL:** acting for good when we'd rather do nothing; siding with life when we'd rather play dead; speaking the truth when we'd rather be silent.

Leader: Faith is...

**ALL:** noiselessly listening when we'd rather shout out; paying attention when we'd prefer not to notice; standing for right when we'd far rather keep walking. Faith is... trusting that after the darkness there will be the light; seeing the rainbow as the sign of the sun; hearing the rooster crow as hope for the dawn.

Leader: Faith is...

**ALL:** upsetting the comfortable status quo; unreasonable, irrational, a foretaste of heaven; the step at the edge to all that is good. Amen.

## 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



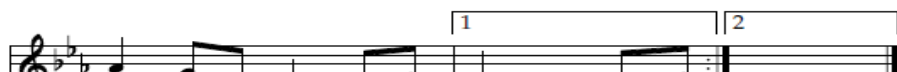
spir - it of love in this place. O al - le -  
pres - ence of peace in this room.



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: By faith, we bring our offerings, a sign of our commitment, a desire to participate, and a trust in your promises. Bless these gifts, and bless us, as we dedicate all that we have and all that we are for your work in our world.  
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**

**I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked**

**Geoffrey O'Hara**

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



### COMMUNION ([www.enfleshed.com](http://www.enfleshed.com))

#### Directions

**Leader:** Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.

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**Wait to eat and drink until the Pastor invites you to do so.**

**A non-gluten option with juice is available in a prepackaged container on the bread tray.**

**Both red wine and white grape juice are on the tray of cups. Please choose either.**

#### Invitation

**Leader:** God is with us. I invite you to take a moment and close your eyes, draw your awareness to the presence of the divine in this space...and in each person Gathered here.

**Draw your attention to your heart and imagine breathing in and out of your heart- opening it up to the divine with gratitude as we pray...**

Loving one, close to us as breathing yet reaching into eternity, we give you thanks. Your outpouring of radical love has brought forth life among us. You have shown yourself to us as parent, creator, lover, and friend. In whatever image will bring us healing, you come to us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all of creation, all of heaven and earth who forever sing this hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of the heaven-ly host;

Heav-en and earth are full, are full of the maj-es-ty of your glo - ry,

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of our God,

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Leader: Jesus showed us the ways of justice and mercy, turning the norms of society upside down. He welcomed and empowered the outsider and stood in resistance to the powers of oppression. Like so many among us today, Christ's choice to live his truth and challenge oppression put him at risk.

And yet, on the night in which death, hatred, and betrayal would seek to have the last and lasting word, Christ remained centered in radical peace and showed us love embodied by washing the feet of his beloved's and serving them at your table.

At the table he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread saying “take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks to you and said “drink from this all of you this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Leader: Pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body of Christ, that we might become interdependent and interconnected with each other as Christ’s body, reflecting your diverse image in the world.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and in each other’s struggles, until we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through your beloved Jesus Christ, with the love the Holy Spirit, in your church- all love and devotion is yours, O God. Amen

## **BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

L: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

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## **THE BREAD**

L: Take and eat, the body of Christ, broken for you.

**HYMN #677 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God)**

**All:**

**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:**

**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:**

**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:**

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

## **THE CUP**

### **MUSIC OFFERING**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
Frederick C. Maker

Tune: St. Christopher,

L: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant,  
poured out for you.

### **The Blessing**

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
keep and preserve you unto eternal life.

# COLLECTING OF CUPS

## HYMN Come to the Banquet #8 Sing! Prayer and Praise

♩=85 Dm C Dm Last time, Fine

Come to the ban-quet, there's a place for you!

1. Though you may - be have no mon - ey,  
 2. See, you are an hon - ored guest, from  
 3. Wo - man wise one, mo - ther, maid - en,  
 4. Work - er, fath - er, lit - tle boy, old  
 5. Wheth - er you've been lost or faith - ful,  
 6. Here is one who runs to meet you,

C A7

though you may - be feel un - wor - thy  
 con - stant serv - ing you may rest; so  
 see your plate with food is la - den  
 man or youth with - out em - ploy, come  
 wheth - er you've been wise or waste - ful,  
 lov - ing arms stretched out to greet you.

Dm Bb

in your strength or in your weak - ness  
 sit you down, be fed and blessed, for  
 and your place is set and wait - ing,  
 rest your wor - ry, here is joy, and  
 here's a place of rest and grace, and  
 Do not let your fear de - feat you.

Am Dm D.C.

you are wel - come, \_\_\_\_\_ come. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Willing hands have made this bread with yeast and salt and labor shared.  
 Let all hungry ones be fed. It's time for feasting, come.

8. Abundant wine, enough for all! Our generous, loving host has called.  
 The cup of blessing now is poured for sweet communion, come.

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.

### **Benediction**

One: Full of faith,

**Response: we will work together for justice.**

One: Full of faith,

**Response: we will have hope for the future.**

One: Full of faith,

**Response: we will live together in peace.**

One: Full of faith,

**Response: we will move together into the world.**

One: Full of faith,

**Response: we will follow in the way of Christ together.**

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

**Postlude Music**

**He Leadeth Me**

**William Bradbury**

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$7,647.00
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
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

Attendance Last Week	
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>126</b>

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	100 lbs, \$25
Total YTD:	4,303 lbs, \$520

## Presentations to the Glory of God

### ***Spread the Good News :***

***In Memory of Richard Correll for his  
birthday on the 8th.***

***Miss you,  
Deana, Ryan, and Brooke***

*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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