

You were created for a purpose, formed into something spectacular—not just created, but recreated again and again.

Ready to be stretched? It's time to be re-shaped!
Worship Theme September 25–October 23



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October 2, 2022
8:00am and 10:30am Worship
Week 2
“Inside Out”

***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 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.

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: 8:00 Rosalie Snyder, 10:30 Donna Christman

Ushers: 8:00 Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

10:30 Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider

Sound: Dawn Dengler

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

Prelude Music
Morning Has Broken & O Worship the King
Arr. Bill George
Blake Hoppes

Welcome

Leader: We continue our worship series on change. Last week, we were reminded that the Creator God made us for change, creating an amazing physical body, a curious mind, and a willing spirit to grow and change over the course of our lives. It is what makes life vital and is the bedrock for our spiritual path.

Here at church we're handing out play dough each week for during the prayer. For those of you at home see if you have any around or stop by on the south porch and get some from the bin there.

Enter the Play Zone

Leader: You'll never know what is possible unless you pop the top of that container of imagination! When we check out what's inside and take a look "under the hood," all kinds of adventures can begin!

Theme Song
"Change is Good"

Choir/Soloist: (Feel free to join in anytime! And maybe even dance a little.)

Change is good you go first
my brain is suspicious of change
anything out of the ordin - ary
can cause my brain to com - plain
But I was created
for a pur - pose

formed into something spec -ta - cu - lar
not just created, but recreated a - gain
and again and again and again
o-kay so

Change is good I'll go first
we were made for this
God's gonna work from inside out cause
in - ner change is where it starts
Everything changes if we are will - ing
to let old expectations fall a - way
if you feel some stirrage
take a step t'wards cour - age
and be re - shaped a - gain
and again and again and a - gain
Eve-ry-bod-y now!

EVERYBODY NOW:

**Change is good I'll go first
we were made for this
God's gonna work from inside out cause
in - ner change is where it starts
Everything changes if we are will - ing
to let old expectations fall a - way
if you feel some stirrage
take a step t'wards cour - age
and be re - shaped a - gain
and be re - shaped a - gain
and be re - shaped a - gain
and again and again and a - gain
and again and again and a - gain
and a - gain**

Leader: Our Scripture this week invites us to remember the baptism of Jesus and the message that we, as followers of Jesus, are changed constantly “from the inside out.” Transformation does not start with the action of change itself, but a willingness within our own spirits to “lean into” the life path that is calling us.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together – repeat after me line by line so that our friends at home can join us:

**Life-giving God,
you refresh us from the inside out
with your water of life and spirit.
Open us to your presence within us
and help us see how you are
re-shaping our spirits each day.
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits
for this time of discovery.
Amen.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

***Hymn #351 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (New Century Hymnal)**

**1. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off,
and find where demons dwell.**

**2. When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time,
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk til rising sun.**

**3. In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,**

complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise

4. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

Peace

Leader: One of our core values as God's church here in Neffs
is extravagant welcome.

So repeat after me - No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey,

**ALL: No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey,**

Leader: you are welcome here.

ALL: you are welcome here.

Leader: And when we're together we like to remind each other
that God loves you,
and there's nothing you can do about it.

Leader: For those of you who are here, I invite you to pass the
peace with those around you saying,

"God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it."

We send our prayers and blessings to those watching and
listening at home or during the week.

God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it.

Please be seated.

Story for All Ages

**Education Hour for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am
Children's Church – during 10:30am Worship for
ages 3-grade 5.**

Ms. Tiffany would like to invite children to join her and her volunteers for Sunday School at 9:15 and Children's Church during 10:30am service.

Ms. Tiffany also offers **Tales with Ms. Tiffany on Zoom every Sunday at 7pm**. It includes a story and some fun creative movement before bedtime.

TODAY: Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for a time designed just for them! 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.

Song: Go, Make a Diff'rence Angrisano, Tomaszek #199
Sing! Prayer and Praise

Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world. Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

Last time, time! Words & Music: Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek © 1997, published by spiritsong.com, Portland, OR. All rights reserved.

Contemporary Reading

We all live with a “committee” inside our minds. Hear this described in a reading by Marcia McFee.

“There is a committee inside my head. All seemingly a part of me, of who I am, and yet at times I feel I am at war with myself ...within myself...until I feel I am with-out my ‘self.’

“Sometimes I wander among the committee among what feels like ruins

pondering
wondering
whatever happened to disjoint, disturb, disrupt
the whole
that is me.

“There is a committee inside my head.

A simple decision becomes a giant task.
A relationship becomes so complicated.

A dream dies.
Fear gets the better of me.
I fly off the handle!
I quash my passion.
I wallow in uncertainty.

“The committee is recognizable. I try each one on for size and they all fit.

“The realist and the dreamer collide — but they are separated by the wall which I construct in order to protect each piece...but what happens if they are allowed to dance with one another? The realist fine tuning and the dreamer urging on?

“The eager and spontaneous irritates the orderly — but they are frozen as I fight to defend the rights of both...but what happens if they are allowed to dance with one another? Order and spontaneity combine, birthing creativity?

“Impatience meets with stubbornness, and the non-conformist makes demands...and all the while the mediator pleads frighteningly, afraid of the passion which lives within...but what if they dance? play? push and pull that turns to give and take? What if they are allowed this relating? What if they are allowed this joy?

“Can I let go?

“Not of my committee...but can I let go of my own tight grip around the throat of my own potential...potential fire, passion, caring, groundedness, freedom, love...

“Can I see that which is holy and fine?

“That which is me, made in the image of God!”

Ancient Reading

Mark 1: 1-15 (The Message)

The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I’m sending my preacher ahead of you; He’ll make the road smooth for you.

Thunder in the desert!

Prepare for God’s arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life.

John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, “The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will change your life. I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out.”

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God’s Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.”

At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.”

The Message Inside Out
Pastor Kayli



“Did you ever look at someone and say, ‘What is going on inside their head?’”

Play-Doh Contemplation

Leader: Each week, we have a time of contemplation as an opportunity to shape Play-Doh as we think about change in our own lives. Today I invite you to use the Play-Doh to make a shape that represents how you are feeling “on the inside” about change. Take a moment to do that now, allowing yourself to imagine what the committee members inside your head are trying to convince you about your approach to change. Even if you think you have no idea what you feel inside about change, simply allow the re-shaping of the clay to be your prayer of opening to revelations inside you.

Prayers of the People

Song: Ready for a Change Mark A. Miller

CHOIR OR SOLO:

*Take this broken spirit, create in me a clean heart,
heal this wounded healer and point me to the good road.
Lord, I'm ready for a change, only you can make me change,
Lord, I'm ready for a change, only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I'm ready for a change.*

*Wipe away these tears, Lord, and end my night of weeping,
wash away the old ways, replace my pain with your joy!
Lord, I'm ready for a change, only you can make me change,
Lord, I'm ready for a change, only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I'm ready for a change.*

For all who are experiencing change as a result
of civic policies and laws,
may they be supported in their search for
good outcomes and resolutions.

From our community and beyond, we name these persons...

For all who are experiencing change in their
sense of identity or work,
may they know their sacred worth no matter the chaos of
unsettled circumstances.

From our community and beyond, we name these persons...

For all who are experiencing change in their sense of home,
may they be welcomed into safe and vibrant
communities of belovedness.

From our community and beyond, we name these persons...

For all who are experiencing change in their health,
may they feel the healing power of love and care.

From our community and beyond, we name these persons...

For all who are facing change in their lives,
may they, may we, find the strength and courage
to move forward.

For our community and beyond, we name these things...

In this silence we offer to you the deepest yearning
of our hearts...

Silence

Holy and Living God,
when we have hesitated to dig deep,
when we have been too afraid to look within
and give ourselves the understanding that we need,
forgive us and remind us that we are forgiven.

When we have lost touch with your presence within us,
thinking that we might fall alone rather than fall into your arms,
forgive us and remind us that we are forgiven.

When we have forgotten that it isn't all up to us,
that you are also changing us continually from the inside out,
forgive us and remind us that we are forgiven.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who came to change our
hearts for good...

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,
forever. Amen.**

Sung Response

ALL:

***Take this broken spirit, create in me a clean heart,
heal this wounded healer and point me to the good road.
Lord, I'm ready for a change,
only you can make me change,
Lord, I'm ready for a change,
only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I'm ready for a change***

Offering the Possibilities and Praise

**News about the Ministry and Mission of God's Church
Offering**

**Thank you for the many ways in which you support God's
work and God's people.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,
We offer these gifts and the gift of our abilities
for adaptation in an ever-changing world.
May we use our lives to follow your lead
into the changes you have in store for us.
Bless all of this to your glory
and to the work of making the world a better place for all.
Amen.



401(g) Discipleship Portfolio

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.

How diverse and balanced is your 401(g) discipleship portfolio?

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, service.

g = grit and grind – perseverance, courage, strength, growth, meaning, purpose.

From Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team
Don Penrod, Marianne Kitzmiller, John Harting, Larry Todd,
Aften Hamm, Phil Wehr



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gagement” and follow the prompts.

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Musical Offering

8am Heritage Choir:

His Dream Come True Phil Speary and John Leavitt

10:30 Horizon Choir:

Bread of the World Reginald Heber & Stan Pethel

***Offering Response**

THE POTTER'S HAND



Take Me

Mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Pot-ter's hand
Hold me, guide me, lead me, walk be-side me. I
give my life to the Pot-ter's hand.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Take me, Mold me, use me, fill me
I give my life to the Potter's hand
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Communion

Leader: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.
You will be served in your seats.
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: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Creating God, Worker of Holy Clay.

You molded us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life,
firing us with your love and passion.

When we forgot to return to you time and again,
for the fresh reworking of our lives,
you showed up for us
and soothed our dry, cracking veneer.

You delivered us from the captivity of stagnation,
made covenant to be present in this ever-changing journey,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of the heav-en-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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit fashioned, fired, and freed him
for preaching good news to the poor,
proclaiming release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
setting at liberty those who are oppressed,
announcing that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He brought new sustenance to the lives of those who
Suffered from illness, hunger, and separation.
Through his own transformation through
baptismal waters,
deep connection with the people,
suffering for the sake of the least,
and resurrection from death to hope,
you gave birth to your church,
invited us to radical and transformational change,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
through every obstacle and pathway,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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.”
And so,
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the vessels of Christ,
so that we may be for the world the vessels of Christ,
redeemed by his love.

By your Spirit change us for the better,
make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. 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

**Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You
will be served in your seats.**

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

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

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

THE BREAD

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

HYMN #330 Let Us Break Bread Together (New Century Hymnal, black)

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God have mercy on me**

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God have mercy on me**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God have mercy on me.**

THE CUP

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

MUSIC OFFERING

It Is Well with My Soul Horatio G. Spafford and Philip P. Bliss

The Blessing

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

COLLECTING OF CUPS

HYMN #347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (New Century Hymnal, black)

**1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound**

**2. Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound**

**3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a
world of doubt;
Gives us love to tell, bread to share,
God (Immanuel) everywhere
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound**

***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**

Leader: From the Gospel According to Riley,
(with sadness) "We used to play tag and stuff."
Remember that your spirit within is created to play with
God's Spirit.

Go into the world knowing
that the Potter God is still shaping and reshaping you as
you were made to do;
that the Teacher Jesus is inviting you to a change of heart,
making it all so very possible;
and that the Adventurous Spirit is luring you to
more play and curiosity in your precious life.

Go in peace,
stay in courage,
Amen!

***Hymn** Go, Make a Difference Angrisano, Tomaszek
 #199 Sing! Prayer and Praise

$\text{♩} = 56$
 Dm



Asus A C Dm B \flat C

Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff -

Dm F Asus A

— 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world. —

Dm B \flat C Dm

Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence.

B \flat maj 7 Asus A Dm Am Am

Last time, Fine 1. 2.3.

Go make a diff - 'rence in the world. — 1. We are the
 2. We are the

Dm B \flat C Dm

salt of the earth, — called to let the peo - ple see — the
 hands of Christ — reach - ing out to those in need, — the

F Asus A Am Dm

love of God — for you and me. — We are the light of the world,
 face of God — for all to see. — We are the spir - it of hope;

B^b C Dm B^bmaj⁷ Asus

not to be hid-den but be seen. Go make a diff-
we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff-

A⁷ Dm D.S. || 4. Am Dm

-'rence in the world. 3. So let your love shine on,
-'rence in the world.

B^b C Dm F

let it shine for all to see. Go make a diff - 'rence in the

Asus A Am Dm B^b C

world. And the spir - it of Christ will be with us as we

Dm B^bmaj⁷ Asus A⁷ Dm D.S.

go. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

**Postlude Music Change is Good Chuck Bell
Blake Hoppes**

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,810.00
Calendar 2022 (Jan-Aug.)	\$253,657.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-Aug.)	\$244,800.00
Change from Last Year	3.6%
Budget FY 2022 (July-Aug.)	\$69,100.00
Actual FY (July-Aug.)	\$56,884.00
Giving vs. Budget	-17.7%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week		
	In person	Online
8:00 am	28	96
10:30 am	84	277
Education Hour	11	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	365lbs \$125
Total YTD:	4,713 lbs, \$695

Presentations to the Glory of God

***Spread the Good News :
In memory of Ruth Rothrock by Lucille Kuhns,
Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz, and families***

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