

*Blessings on all of our students, educators,
school staffs, and all of us
as we learn about and grow in God's love.*

**I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU
IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO;
I WILL COUNSEL YOU WITH MY LOVING EYE ON YOU.
PSALM 32:8**

**September 18, 2022
8:00am and 10:30am Worship**

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 Carol Pope; 10:30 Claire Kern
Ushers: 8:00 Debbie Romig, Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross
10:30 Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl, Maryann Puia, Eric Minnich, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout
Sound: Mike Baer

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

**Prelude Music
Blake Hoppes**

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: : #466 What A Friend We Have in Jesus Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)**

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this service of worship. Having created prayerful space in our hearts and bodies let us begin.

Prayer

Leader: Renewing Spirit, as open windows let fresh air in, so prayer is like an opening into our soul through which you can flow. Blow through each one of us and through this community. Stir our stale places. Ruffle our status quo. Be like a breeze gently unsettling our religious certainties. May we be wholly shaped by you through prayer. 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks, Devices, Students, Educators, School Stuff, and all Learners and Growers!

BLESSING Will all students of all ages, educators, and anyone working in schools or in education please stand if you are here in the sanctuary or raise your hand if you are at home?

Leader: Scripture tells us that Jesus was a learner. As a child, he grew just as we grow, gaining years and gaining wisdom. As we begin a new school year, we remember that God has given us the ability to learn many things.

All: Learning is a gift from God. We are meant to love God with our whole selves: body, heart, spirit, and mind.

Leader: Scripture also tells us that Jesus was a teacher. When he saw the crowds that followed him, his compassionate response was to teach them and walk with them through life.

All: Teaching is a calling from God. We give God thanks for those who teach, guide, and lead our children and all of us.

Leader: We ask God to bless our schools and teachers. We ask God to bless our classmates. We ask God to bless our principals, administrators, aides, counselors, and school staffs. We ask God to bless those who prepare our meals, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean. We give thanks to God for books and computers and all the tools that help us learn.

All: We give thanks to God for the gift of learning! May all of us be blessed as we grow in our faith and discipleship.

Leader: We have been collecting school supplies and backpacks for local families and agencies. We ask God to bless our offerings and those that receive them.

Leader: Psalm 32 verse 8 says,

All: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Thank you God!

**Education Hour for All Ages – Returns on September 11
 9:15-10:15am
 (Adult Class begins September 18)
 Children’s Church – Returns September 18th during
 10:30am Worship for ages 3-grade 5**

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 Room 7 (basement) and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.

Voice

F C/E Dm Bb

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

F/A Gm Am/C C

3 Wel- comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throug.

F Gm Am Bb

5 Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,

F/C Bb F

7 This is where child - ren be - long.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tripp Joseph Roth, child of Laura Kovalchik and Benjamin Roth

Sponsors: Lauren and Nicholas Swartz

Hemley Grace Pentland, child of Nicole and Kimberly Pentland

Sponsors: Connie Renner and Nathan Miller

Grace Eloise Pradel, child of Kristen Haugh and Robert Pradel Jr.

Sponsors: Lindsey Haberle and Matt Haugh

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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



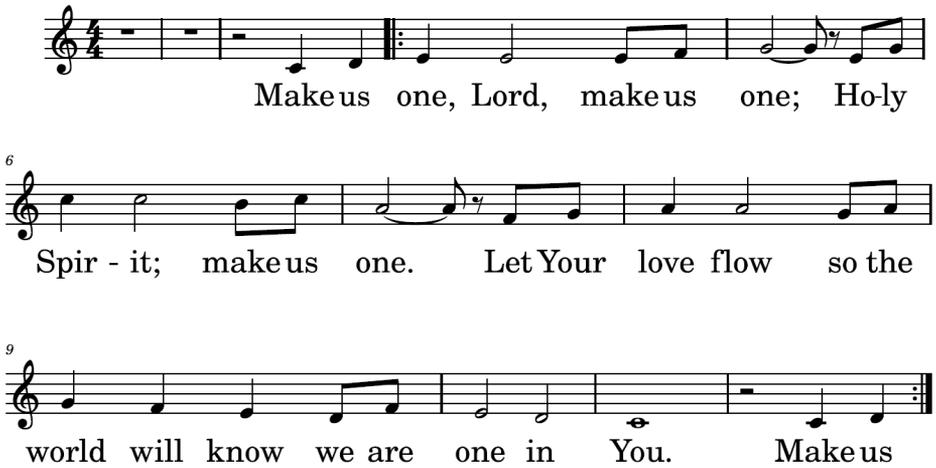
Scripture 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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; Ho-ly
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

Hymn #155 Spirit of the Living God Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,**

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

The offering will be collected by our ushers in your seats.
 Thank you for the many ways in which you support God's
 work and God's people.

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for political leaders around the world: illumine paths of greater justice and peace. We pray for those who lead the way in compassion: sustain them in their work. We pray for leaders who hold the welfare of those who are most vulnerable in their hands: keep their hearts pure. We pray for the leaders of our church: ennoble their efforts. For all who lead with their words and actions: we give thanks, O God.

Musical Offering

Blake Hoppes

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.

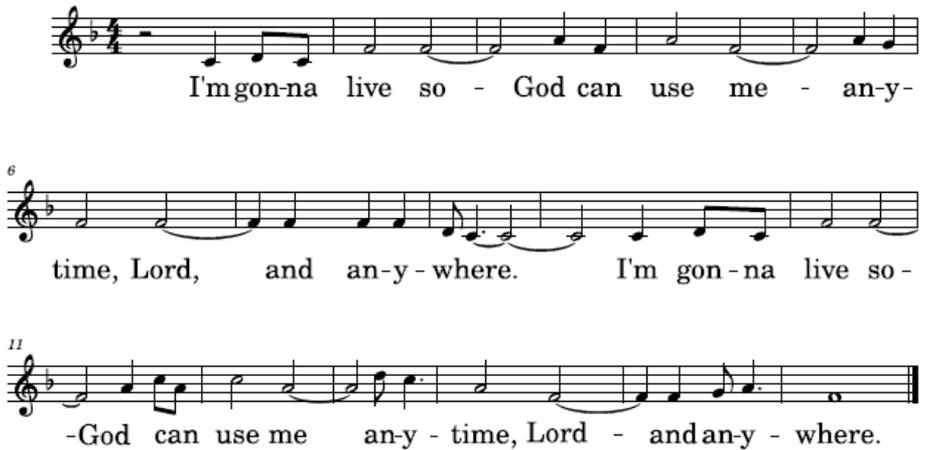
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Offering Response #139 I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me—Sing! Prayer Praise



The image shows three staves of musical notation in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na live so - God can use me - an-y - time, Lord, and an-y - where. I'm gon -na live so - God can use me an-y - time, Lord - and an-y - where." The first staff covers measures 1-5, the second staff covers measures 6-10, and the third staff covers measures 11-15. Measure numbers 6 and 11 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

***Benediction**

Leader: We go now to live as answers to prayer through our pursuit of justice, acts of kindness, and expressed compassion. Let us join the Spirit of God at work in this good world seeking, continually, the realm of love. Go in love, for love. Amen

***Hymn #179 We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness** Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)

1. We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness and for your healing touch; too long have we felt helpless; our burdens seemed to much.

Forgetting all pretenses we make our pleadings heard, In hope and expectation await your gracious Word.

2. We long to have companions who travel by our side, strong friends to call and answer with whom we are allied; As we lift up each other when struggles lay us low, community develops; our faith and caring grow.

2. We needed your living presence, O Christ of Galilee, a presence that revives us and set our spirits free. No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place. Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.

Postlude Music

Blake Hoppes

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.-July)	\$226,189.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-July)	\$212,392.00
Change from Last Year	+6.5%
Budget 22-23 (July)	\$26,970.00
Actual 22-23 (July)	\$31,712.00
Giving vs. Budget	+17.6%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
10:30 am (includes children)	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	
Total YTD:	4,303 lbs, \$570

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

Yay to beginning a new program year! Many blessings to all of our friends on their many faith journeys! Pastor Kayli

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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