

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



WWW.WORSHIPDESIGNSTUDIO.COM/RESHAPED

October 9, 2022
8:00am and 10:30am Worship
Week 3
“Everything Changes”

***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: 8:00Sue Steinmann 10:30 Devon Kuharik

Ushers: 8:00 Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson

10:30 Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy, Laura Kohler

Sound: Pat Sorg

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

**Prelude Music for Gathering
Invocation
Bill George & Dino Kartsonakis
Sweet Hour of Prayer
William. B. Bradbury
Blake Hoppes**

Welcome

Leader: We continue our worship series on change. The first two weeks of our series helped us examine and expand our own understanding about our capacity for change. We were reminded that the Creator God made us for change, and we are being made new always from the inside-out by the ever-creative Spirit of God within us. Our spiritual growth is deeply connected to our ability to embrace change.

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: If you've ever left Play-Doh out too long without tending it, you know that it gets dry, cracked, and falls apart. But if we keep letting go of "what was" and keep working on "what is next," we'll keep growing amazing things!

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: In our scripture today, Jesus asks us to let go of life "as it is" in order to create and multiply the love that is eternal. What feels like the chaos, or recklessness, of change is the breaking-open of possibility and the sprouting of new life. This is what it means to follow the change-maker Jesus and serve his purpose of more love in the world.

Opening Prayer

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

**Breaking-Open God,
you call us to let the seeds of your love
be planted anew in us again and again.
Open us to letting go of how we think things are,
and allow us release as we are broken open into new life.
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits
for this time of discovery.
Amen.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

***Hymn #433 In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Black Hymnal)
New Century Hymnal**

**1. In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,**

**at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

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 lis-
tening at home or during the week.
God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it.

Please be seated.

Musical Offering

8am Heritage Choir:

More Like You, Lord

Jay Althouse

10:30 High School Choir:

Be Still and Know Steven Curtis Chapman

Naomi Henninger, Emma Milander, Olivia Rice

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.---

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

Contemporary Reading

Pablo Picasso was one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. This is not because of one style, although he is famous as the father of cubism. But he had several artistic “periods” during his life, and he was constantly changing—innovating and pushing himself to discover new expressions of art. One of his most famous quotes is this: “Every act of creation is first of all an act of destruction.” He knew that in order to create something new, a beloved and even famous way of painting had to give way—had to “destruct”—in order to “construct” the new. He also said, “Every child is an artist. The

problem is how to remain an artist once [you] grow up.” As we age we become more afraid of letting go. But rebirth is part of our faith. Hear this poem, “Rebirth,” by poet Alex Elle.

“Rebirth” by poet Alex Elle

there will be moment when
you will bloom fully and then
wilt, only to bloom again.
if we can learn anything from
flowers it is that resilience is born
even when we feel like we are
dying.

Ancient Reading

John 12: 20-26 (The Message)

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: “Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?” Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, “Time’s up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal. If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you’ll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment’s notice. The Holy One, Parent of Us All, will honor and reward anyone who serves me.”

The Message Everything Changes Pastor Kris



*Be sure to watch the Frozen
“Let It Go” sing-a-long video,
On youtube.com!
“Let it go! Let it go! Can’t hold
it back anymore!”*

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 create a representation of seeds that are waiting to be planted and broken open. As you create them, think about concrete examples of what is possible in your life and in our community. Even if you have no idea what seeds are waiting to be sprouted in your life, simply allow the shaping of the clay to be your prayer of willingness to let go into the possibilities.

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

God of our Future,
when we have held on too tight for fear of loss,
forgive us and remind us that we are forgiven.

When we have thought too little of ourselves
and feared we didn't have it within us to move forward,
forgive us and remind us that we are forgiven.

When we have not affirmed and nurtured the dreams of those
around us
for fear of how their own change will affect us negatively,
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, Lord,
I'm ready for a change.***

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**

**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 gifts of a reckless love poured out upon all.
May we let go of needing things to be the same,
so you might create a future that is more loving than we have yet
imagined.
Bless all of this to your glory
and to the work of making the world a better place for all.

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>

Musical Offering

More Than Wonderful

Lanny Wolfe

Blake Hoppes

*Offering Response

Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

*Benediction

Leader: From the Gospel According to Elsa,
"Let it go, let it go
When I'll rise like the break of dawn
That perfect girl is gone
Here I stand in the light of day
Let the storm rage on
The cold never bothered me anyway."

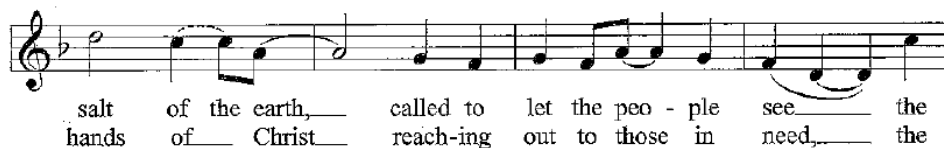
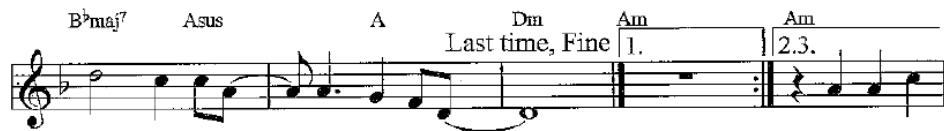
Remember that perfection is not the point, but growth, which needs both light and rain.

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 Diff'ence Angrisano, Tomaszek #199
Sing! Prayer and Praise



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.
- 'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,

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	\$7,428.00
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	

2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	200bs \$50
Total YTD:	4,913 lbs, \$745

2022 CROP Walk total: \$454.88

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

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.

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.

CCLI LICENSE # 1523377 / Streaming # 20407732

One License #A714125 / Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from *ONE LICENSE*, License #A714125