



November 13, 2022
Stewardship Sunday Led by the Financial Leadership Team
8:00am and 10:30am Worship
Baptism 10:30 Worship

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***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 on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Lay Reader: 8:00 Rosalie Snyder, 10:30 Eric Minnich
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: Dawn Dengler

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

**Music for Gathering
Delta Blues Nick Homes
Jazz Ensemble**

**Blake Hoppes-Piano, Mike Baer-Guitar, Mitchell Roth –
Trumpet, Matt Gerry – Trumpet, Andy Hill – Trumpet**

**Welcome— be sure you received a pipe cleaner with
your bulletin, or go to the doors to get one now.**

**Those of you at home can find a piece of string or yarn
or just do the motion with us. Everyone will get direc-
tions during the prayer.**

Sharing God's 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 stand in body or spirit to greet each other
and for our first song.

***Hymn #4 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Black Hymnal
(New Century Hymnal)**

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2) All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
teach us what our praise should be.

3) You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,
all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

4) Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
reconciling race and clan.

Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lead us onward in the triumph song of live.

Please be seated

Call to Worship

Leader: So that everyone here and at home may join us,
your response to me is the words, "May we remember."

Leader: God created,

All: May we remember.

Leader: God liberated,

All: May we remember.

Leader: God fed,

All: May we remember.

Leader: God is still creating, God is still liberating, God is still
feeding us. Let this be our story and let this be where we
begin and continue.

All: May we remember.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Repeat each line after me.

ALL: Holy God,

We admit to remembering the wrong things.

We remember worldly lessons like,

"Everyone for themselves,"

"An eye for an eye," and

"All is fair in love and war."

And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven,

To love our neighbors as ourselves,

And to live like the body of Christ.

Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

Release us from our muscle memory and

Re-center us in a new place,

A fresh place,

A space grounded in your love.

Help us to receive your word anew,

**And to consider stewardship not with the world's rules,
But with your rules.
Help us remember.
With hope we pray,
Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy God,

There is something about scripture that stirs us awake.
For when we hear of a deep love that made room for
everyone at the table,

We remember that we are hungry.

And when we hear of manna raining down in the desert,
We remember that we are lost.

There is something about scripture that stirs us awake,
And it feels like hunger and it looks like hope.

So stir us awake, oh God.

Remind us that this story starts with love and ends with love.
We are hungry, which is to say, we are listening.

Amen.


The Opening of Our Hearts

Leader sings first time.

Listen for directions to sing this in a round.


Gathering Chant #742 Black Hymnal (New Century)

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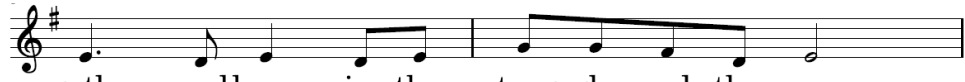
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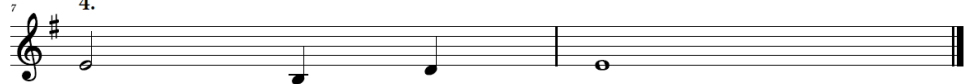
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Spir - it draw near.

Music Offering

8:00am When the Saints Go Marching In Jazz Ensemble

10:30am Just As I Am, I Come Charlotte Elliott, Arr. Mary McDonald

High School Choir

10:30 Worship - 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song: "Go make a dif - f'rence... We can make a dif -". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "- f'rence... Go make a dif - f'rence in the world...". The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above it.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00am)

Rhett Steven Fatula, child of Abigail and Justin Fatula

Sponsors: Jessica Winkelbauer and Andrew Benner

Lily Gianna Stanek, child of Denise and Stanley Stanek

Sponsor: Ella Stanek

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

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Exodus 16: 1-18

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they

prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Luke 22:1-23

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup

after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

The Message

Our Money Story - The Financial Leadership Team

**Aften Hamm, Phil Wehr, John Harting, Don Penrod,
Pastor Kris**

**Other members include: Larry Todd, Marianne Kitzmiller,
and all the members of Union UCC**

Thank you **Larry Todd, Tiffany Lakatosh, and Miranda Lakatosh** for creating our Mandala to help us remember God's steadfast relationship with us throughout the history of our faith and the story of our lives.

Prayers of the People

TODAY - As you entered worship, you received a pipe cleaner.

I invite you into a time of embodied prayer. You can leave your eyes open or close them—do what is most comfortable for you. I invite you to take your pipe cleaner and hold one end in your hands and curl the tip inward like this to form a spiral. Throughout our prayer, when you hear the word, "remember," I invite you to slowly curl your pipe cleaner into a flat spiral.

We will collect your pipe cleaner creations as part of our offering as a way to mark that we remember God is faithful and good. Our creations will be added to our mandala mosaic art project in the lobby.

Those of you at home can use string, or just do the motion of making a spiral around your finger and know that you are an important part of our church too as we love and serve God.

While holding and shaping our pipe cleaners or wrapping your finger around the other one in a spiral, let us pray:

The story of God calls us to remember—
that creation was made good,
and Sabbath is necessary.

The story of God calls us to remember—
that we belong to one another,
for we are bone of bone and flesh of flesh.

The story of God calls us to remember—
that reconciliation between siblings is holy,
and slavery of any kind is evil.

The story of God calls us to remember
that the wilderness is real,
and that God will be with us—
raining down manna and speaking in a still,
small voice.

The story of God calls us to remember—
that love looks like healing the sick,
eating with the outcast,
making room for the children,
and seeing the unseen.

The story of God calls us to remember—
because if we forget, we risk making God,
love, and reconciliation small.

So as we remember, may we believe—
in a God who made all things good,
who stands with the suffering,
walks with us in the wilderness,
sees the overlooked,
loves with an untamed heart,

and makes room for all at God's table.
Amen.

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.**

Offering the Possibilities and Praise

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

Offering Prayer

**Don't forget to put your pipe cleaner in the offering plate
today to be added to our mandala in the lobby.**

Prayer of dedication for the offering

Leader: Gracious God,

As we come to you today in prayer, we admit that giving is complicated.

At times it is easier to remember our shame or guilt around giving,

as opposed to your joy or generosity.

We all have our money narratives, and they affect us in different ways.

So today as we offer our gifts to you,

we pray that you would re-center our narrative.

Remind us that we do not give out of shame or guilt.

We do not give out of obligation.

We do not give to feel worthy.

And we do not give to buy your grace.
We give out of a desire to participate.
We give as a sign of gratitude.
We give because we belong to one another.
We give to build a more just and equitable world.
We give because we love, and that's what love does.
So take these gifts and remind us that we
belong to one another.
Remind us that all money narratives are
welcome at this table.
Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us
will be washed away with your empathy and love.
Remind us, and then help us to build that
more beautiful world.
In hope we pray,
Amen.

Offering

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

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. 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.

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Musical Offering Poor Wayfaring Stranger Jazz Ensemble

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

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, 4/4 time, with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (G, C, Em) are placed above the piano staff. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na live so God can use me an - y - where, — Lord, an - y - time." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

A personal prayer – to help you remember...

Leader: Giving and loving God,
I am made of stories—
stories of heartbreak and triumph,
stories of love and tragedy,
stories of families who belong and families who break,
stories of loose ends and new beginnings.
I have absorbed stories that live in me like an internal
compass,
and many that I do not wish to carry at all.
But your story remains steadfast: I am loved. I am

enough. There is enough for all.
Enough. Enough. Enough.
May this become my constant refrain.
May I believe this is who I am.
May I live trusting your holy design.
Enough. Enough. Enough.
Amen.



Enough
by Hannah Garrity
inspired by exodus 16:1-18

*Hymn Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



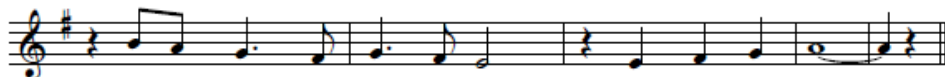
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947

Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock

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Postlude Music
When the Saints Go Marching In
Jazz Ensemble

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$11,872.00
Calendar 2022 (Jan-Sept.)	\$275,532.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-Sept.)	\$273,527.00
Change from Last Year	.7%
Budget FY 2022 (July22 -June 23)	\$93,840.00
Actual FY (July 22– Mar 23)	\$78,766.00
Giving vs. Budget	-16.1%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week		
	In person	Online
8:00 am	48	103
10:30 am	88	119
Education Hour	12	

2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	750lbs, \$175 150-5lb bags of potatoes
Total YTD:	5,863 lbs, \$880

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.

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