

# Celebrating Union UCC

*Honoring the Past Celebrating the Present Building the Future*

Serving and Loving God and Neighbor Here in Neffs for over 267 Years

Sunday, November 20 at 8am and 10:30am worship


Rededicating our 150 Year-Old Sanctuary and Refurbished Steeple

Special Music Led by Roni and Matt Gerry: Festival Choir, Brass, Soloists

Honoring our Quilters and Quilt Raffle

Cake and Refreshments

*Psalms 65:1 Praise awaits you, our God...  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.*



**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 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 Susan Steinmann, 10:30 Devon Reese Kuharek

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: Karl Klinger, Dawn Dengler

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

**Welcome and Thank You to our Guest Musicians!**

**8:00 Roni Gerry, Jillian Krempasky**

**10:30 Festival Choir:**

**Sopranos:** Marlie Heym, Ronda Gerry, Emma Milander,  
Ashlyn Phy, Donna Christman, Teresa Dalrymple,  
Carol Pope, Carol Stout

**ALTOS:** Katelyn Attieh, Paisley Dojack, Emily Bachl,  
Abby Hill, Jillian Krempasky, Addison Treat, Julie Wehr,  
Lucy Boyer

**TENORS:** John Meltsch, Andrew Sachse, Gavin Sachse,  
Karl Klinger, Anthony Rizzuto

**BASSES:** Jackson Egge, Garet Hill, Grant Pinsley, Jacob Roth, Eric  
Wood

**Instrumentalists:**

**Mike Baer-Trombone, Matthew Becker-Percussion, Caitlin  
Heckman-Trombone,**

**Andy Hill-Trumpet, Mitchell Roth-Trumpet**

**Directors: Roni Gerry, Matt Gerry, and Blake Hoppes**

**Thank you Funds of Lasting Gifts for the financial support to  
bring special music in worship.**

**Prelude Music**

**Give Thanks, Now Thank We All God**

**Henry Smith, Arr. Joel Raney**

**Welcome**

**Quilt Raffle TODAY – tickets are available in the lobby and  
winners will be called after 10:30 worship.**

**Stay for Cake and Snacks after Worship!**

**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 listen-  
ing 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 #561** When in Our Music (Black Hymnal/New  
Century Hymnal)

**1. When in our music God is Glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia**

**2. How often, making music we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia**

**3. So, has the church in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, in centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia**

**4. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

Please be seated

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 98:1 a, 4, 9b)

Your response is: **For God has done marvelous things.**

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**ALL: For God has done marvelous things.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Come, worship our God, who is just and true,

May we judge our own hearts, and live into God's ways of  
justice and mercy.

O sing to the Lord a new song,

**ALL: For God has done marvelous things.**

## **PRAYER**

**Naomi King**, "A Thanksgiving Blessing"

Leader: Let us join our hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day, where we have the abundance of our lives before us. We remember on this day of bounty all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy. For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say "Thanks!" For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "Thanks!" For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, "Thanks!"

Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, "Thanks!" Amen.

## **Giving God Thanks for Our Quilters and Their Ministry**

**Linda Bowers, Ann Brixius, Mary Burdick, Janet Creitz, Ruth Ensley, Patricia Frantz, Susan Klotz, Diane Weiss, Lisa Wright  
And many other members and friends through the years.**

**Including: Velma Wehr, Vera Wetherhold, Marie Snyder,  
Bertha Blose, Dorothy Rabert**

**Thank you!**

## 10:30 CHOOSING THE WINNING TICKET!

### 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.

**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



### 8 and 10:30 am

**MUSIC OFFERING** Pie Jesu    Webber

**Jillian Krempasky, Roni Gerry**

Pie Jesu, Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata  
mundi dona eis requiem,  
Agnus Dei. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi dona eis requiem sempiternam

Translation: Merciful Jesus, who takes away  
the sins of the world grant them rest.  
Lamb of God, who takes away  
the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting .

## **Scripture Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come  
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.  
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.  
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.  
By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.  
You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds  
are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning  
and the evening shout for joy.  
You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## Did You Know All About the Sanctuary Painting?

### Text above the archway:

**German:** "Gott, Man lobet Dich in der Stille zu Zion."

**English:** "God, One Praises You in the stillness of Zion."

**Source:** Psalm 65:1 A Farmer's Psalm

**Artist:** Rubens

**Title:** "Descent From the Cross"

The painting is a copy of the original and was painted and donated by Augustus Steckel in 1916.

The scene is of Jesus being removed from the cross after being crucified.

As the body is received in the arms of John, the foot just touches the shoulder of Mary Magdalene.

Mary of Bethany who is just behind Mary Magdalene, falls to her knees while Mary the Mother of Jesus, reaches up with outstretched hands as though to assist in the holding of the body.

Just above Mary the Mother of Jesus, the artist includes Joseph of Arimathea, holding the winding sheet with his right hand while with his left, he supports the arm of the falling savior.

At the upper left of the picture Zaccheus is leaning over the arm of the cross while Nicodemus is in a similar position on the right hand. Peter is descending the ladder. John is receiving the body of Jesus in his arms.

### **10:30 MUSIC OFFERING Festival Choir**

Song of Unity

Martin

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North  
But one great fellowship of Love throughout the whole wide earth

One world communion under grace, one hope, one Lord,  
one faith.

We are one song, we are one people, we have one hope,  
one God above.

We are one voice, we are one music, We are one great song of love.

We are one world, we are one spirit, one great church in Christ's embrace

We take one bread, one wine unites us, we are bonded in God's grace.

Like the colors of the sunset, as the sands upon the shore,  
Each of us is different, yet we work in one accord.

Our differences make music, a harmony of life, a symphony of sharing,  
One purpose, one vision, one in Christ!

We are one in our faith, we are one in our praise, We are one in God's glorious grace.  
We are one!

**The Message** Pastor Kris

Psalm 65:1 NIV To you our vows will be fulfilled...

**Prayers of God's People at Union UCC, Neffs**

**Please respond with: To you, O God, our vows will be fulfilled.**

Leader: Today we gather to rededicate our sanctuary which is over 150 years old and is the third sanctuary this congregation built. This family of faith is more than 267 years old. What an honor to be the church here on this corner all these years.

Leader: May this space be one of friendship and encouragement. May it be a place for freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person. May it be a place of respect and security even amid the difference of opinions. This is a room of truth-seeking, where thinkers are encouraged on their quest and mystics can prayerfully abide in community. It is a room of artful and thoughtful expression, filled with celebrations, melodies, discourse and handiwork.



This is a cradle for our dreams, a workshop for our common endeavors, a banquet hall for our feasts, a kindling place for our prayers. This is a place for inspiration and courage to be God's love in the world. This is a room of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth toward bringing God's dream of love and justice for all to reality. May this space truly be sanctuary – a safe refuge for every person – and may it empower us to create sanctuary wherever we are.

**Repeat after me: To you, O God, our vows will be fulfilled.**

Leader: Today we rededicate our steeple which has been wonderfully refurbished this year with the help of gifted workers and a generous congregation allowing the steeple to be a beacon of faith and hope for this church and community.

Leader: May this steeple continue to point people to God's unconditional love and relentless grace. We often hear stories from friends and neighbors who tell us that hearing the bells or seeing the steeple has been important to them in good times and in hard times. May God show us again and again how to be love and grace to others in our community and world. May all that we do and say also point people to God.

**Repeat after me: To you, O God, our vows will be fulfilled.**

Leader: Buildings and property exist so that we can do the work we are called to do and be the people we are called to be. The building and the steeple are not the church. The people are the church. God's spirit is the church. May we rededicate ourselves to loving and serving God with our whole body, strength, and mind, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves. To you, O God, we offer our whole lives.

**Repeat after me: To you, O God, our vows will be fulfilled.**

## **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.**

## **Hymn     Here I Am, Lord**

**1. I the Lord of sea sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in deepest sin,  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**3. I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them, They turn away.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my Life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

## **Refrain**

## **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**

Leader: Generous God, you are the Source of all that we are and all that we have. We return to you a portion of the gifts you have given us. Bless this offering that it may further your purpose in the world, gathering in the lost and lonely, tending to those in need, healing the ill, comforting the grieving, and sharing the good news of your love and compassion. 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 con-

tact 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 <https://smile.amazon.com>

## Musical Offering

### The Prayer

Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster

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

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains measures 1 through 5, with lyrics "I'm gon-na live so - God can use me - an-y-". The second staff starts at measure 6 and contains measures 6 through 10, with lyrics "time, Lord, and an-y - where. I'm gon-na live so -". The third staff starts at measure 11 and contains measures 11 through 15, with lyrics "- God can use me an-y - time, Lord - and an-y - where." The melody is simple and repetitive, using a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

## Benediction

We began worship with thanksgiving.  
I call on you now to move out into the world with

thanksgiving. O give thanks to our God who is so good,  
whose love stands firm forever.

Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience,  
let thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer,  
let thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform,  
let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may have to  
endure.

O give thanks to our God who is so good,  
whose love stands firm forever.

The love of the Redeemer,  
the love of the Creator,  
the love of the Counselor and Comforter,  
will be with you now and always.

Amen!

Adapted — written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce  
Prewer's Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

**\*Hymn** #395 In Christ There Is No East or West (Black Hymnal,  
New Century Hymnal)

**1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Him no south or north  
But one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth**

**2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding human kind**

**3. Join hands disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be,  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me**

**4. In Christ now meet both east and west,**

**In Him meet south and north  
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole  
wide earth**

**Postlude Music  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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	\$3,895.00
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-Oct.)	\$ 309,414.00
Calendar Year 2021 (Jan-Oct.)	\$ 302,292.00
Change from Last Year	<b>2.4%</b>
Budget FY 2022 (July 2022-June 23)	\$ 131,000.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July 2022-June 23)	\$ 112,648.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	<b>-14.0%</b>
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

Attendance Last Week		
	In person	Online
8:00 am	<b>36</b>	<b>88</b>
10:30 am	<b>124</b>	<b>162</b>
Education Hour	<b>9</b>	

2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	86bs, \$
Total YTD:	5,949 lbs, \$880

## Presentations to the Glory of God

***Spread the Good News :***

***Happy 5th Anniversary at Union UCC Pastor Kayli!  
From your partner in crime!***

***Happy Birthday to Pastor Kayli this week from  
Carolyn Barry***

*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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