



# EMERGE

A METAMORPHOSIS MOMENT

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**May 14, 2023**

**Unwrap: Waking Up**

**Celebrating the Women in Our Community, Mother's Day**

**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/unioneffs](http://www.facebook.com/unioneffs).

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.

***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.***

***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 Readers: 8:00 Carol Pope, 10:30 Devon Reese Kuharik  
Ushers: 8:00 Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson  
10:30 Carol James, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger,  
Julie Johnson, Laura Kohler, Ralph Gioielli, Connie Gioielli  
Sound: Mike Baer

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

Prelude

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2    Johannes Brahms  
Blake Hoppes

**Welcome**

**Preparing for New Life**

*Leader:* The wheel of the year keeps on turning. Summer fades into fall, winter melts into spring, and nature sings a never-ending story of life, death, and renewal. Butterflies show us how to unwrap the gift of everyday life when they break forth from their chrysalises as new creations. We celebrate the effort that breaking into new life takes as we awaken to the rich blessings of this present day.

**Gathering Song of Invitation**

*"Come Out!"*

**First time: Choir**

**Second Time: All**



1. Come out!    Come out    of your comfor-ta - ble spac - es.



Come, meet    Je - sus in the    dif - fi - cult plac - es.

**Questions for Metamorphosis**

*Leader:* In the silence of the tomb, we wondered...

**People: ...what force could be stronger than death?**

When our dreams died and our safety nets split, we wondered...

**...what do I do now?**

Stumbling through our days half-asleep, we wonder...

**...will I ever awaken from this feeling of numbness?**

When we hear resurrection stories, we wonder...

**...is there a new beginning for me too?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**“You too are my child.**

**You can emerge to renewed life.**

**Again and again.”**

**Amen.**

**Please stand in body or spirit.**

### **Passing the Peace**

*Leader:* I invite you to stand and pass the peace of Christ to one another by waving, smiling, and introducing yourself to each other.

Remember to send peace to those worshipping remotely.

**\*Opening Hymn:** #292 Breath on Me, Breath of God  
Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a new  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.**
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.**
- 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.**

**Please be seated.**

## Music Offering

Spirit of God Nancy Price & Don Besig

### Heritage Choir (8:00am)

"He Is the Light" by Jay Stocker. © 2016 Group Publishing, Inc.

### Kids Choir (10:30am)

## 10:30 Worship

**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

Asus A  $\frac{\text{C}}{\text{C}}$  Dm B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> C Dm

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

B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> Asus A Dm Am Am

Last time, Fine 1. 2.3.

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

**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.

## **Scripture Reading**

*John 11: 1-44*

*Reader:* In the opening of the tomb of Lazarus, in the unwrapping of his funeral clothes, the community had to face their unknowing — and perhaps disbelief — and trust that the resurrection Jesus had facilitated was real. The range of emotions was vast. As the butterfly's cozy environment cracks further open still, it is the effort of the process of emerging that makes change possible — waking up, rolling away the stone, unwrapping what will be.

*From John 11: 1-44:* Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

*Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am*

going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping

and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

## **The Message    Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation**

### **Entering into Prayer**

*"Open Me"*

**All sung, repeated and echoed after the leader:**

**Form me...  
hold me...  
open me...  
unfold me...  
unfurl me...  
untether me...  
uncurl me...  
uncrease me...  
unwrap me...**

## Prayers of the People

### Praying with Jesus

**ALL: Life-giving God, in whom is heaven,  
may your name be lifted in the chambers of our hearts.**

**May the joy of transformation come,  
may your plans for us be unfurled here on earth  
as it is in the flight of heaven's glory.**

**For the strength we need, feed us.**

**For the forgiveness we desire, and need to give, invite us.**

**Save us from the temptation  
of all that would keep us from you,  
and deliver us from those things that seek to harm.**

**Unwrap your perfect kinship  
of love, power, and glory forever.**

**Amen.**

Holy One, we cry out to you from the parts of our lives that feel numb, stale, and dormant. We long to be resurrected from the deaths of our spirit, to reawaken as newly formed creatures in your kin-dom on earth. Help us to heed your call to "Come out!" of our lifeless shells and cast off the bindings that keep us from breathing free. May we be a community of second chances and fresh starts each and every day.

We pray this day for....

### Praying with Jesus (again...still)

**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.**

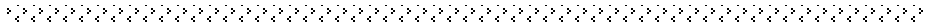
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



# NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH

## OFFERING



### **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.

**VENMO** Union UCC now has Venmo! You can now make donations, pay for events, and support the church through this platform. Please be sure to include in the "What it's for" line what your Venmo is supporting. You can either search for @unionuccneffs

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### **Musical Offering**

Wind Beneath My Wings    Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar  
Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

## \* Offering Response

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

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God, all crea - tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

7



lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -

10



a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

13



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## \*Benediction

Leader: Now go into your lives—  
stretch and yawn and begin to stir,  
awakening to the beauty of the world around you  
and saying YES to all the second chances that bring you  
back to life.

And may the assurance of the God who created you,  
the Christ who is raising you,  
and the Spirit that will unleash you,  
be with you now and always.

Blessed be.

Amen.

**\*Hymn #292 Because He Lives**  
Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

**1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**Chorus:**  
**Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride, and joy He gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

**Chorus**

**3. And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.**

**Chorus**

**Postlude Music**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go  
George Matheson and Albert L. Pace  
Blake Hoppes

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week		
Last Week	\$8,862.00		In person	Online
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan-April)	\$138,705.00	8:00 am	<b>32</b>	
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-April)	\$127,458.00	10:30 am	<b>121</b>	
Change from Last Year	8.8%	Education Hour		
Budget FY 2022 ( <i>July 2022-April. 23</i> )	\$365,541.00	<b>2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>		
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date ( <i>July 2022- 23</i> )	\$350,548.00	Last Week:	\$160	
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-1.7%	Total YTD:	2255lbs, \$485	
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>		Phoebe Home	\$785.00	

## Presentations to the Glory of God

***In memory of Ruth Rothrock from daughters, Lucille Kuhns, Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz***

*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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