

OCTOBER 22, 2023

8 & 10:30AM

Stewardship Focus:
Our Money Story-

RESTORE

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.

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

Lay Readers: 8:00 Carol Pope, 10:30 Vicki Mayk

Ushers: 8:00 Debbie Romig, Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross

10:30 Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Maryann Puia, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout, Marianne Kitzmiller

Greeters: Jim & Leanna Lane, Nancy Jones, Eric Minnich

Sound: Mike Baer

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

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

Welcome

Welcome to worship!
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please stand in body or spirit to greet each other and
for our first song.

Passing the Peace
May God's love for you deepen every day.

***Hymn #476** My Life Flows on in Endless Song, How Can I
Keep from Singing Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

1. My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation, I hear the sweet,
though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul how can I keep from singing?

2. What thou my joys and comforts die?
My Savior still is living, What though the shadows gather
'round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging; Since Love commands both
heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

3. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;

When friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon
vile our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from
singing?

4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it; And day by day this pathway
smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am
Christ's how can I keep from singing?

Please be seated

Call to Worship 10:30 Kendall Miller, Confirmand

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of how we live and how we long to live.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: Because we are forgetful people.

One: So may we remember who we are.

All: May we release the narratives that trap us.

One: May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

All: And may we work toward restoration.

One: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

All: Let us worship holy God.

Prayer

Leader: God, We cannot do the work of restoration without
your Word.

We cannot do the work of remembering, releasing, or
reimagining without your Word.

We need you like the earth needs rain and a sailboat needs
wind.

We come to you in prayer to ask that you breathe new life
into us.

Grant us the clarity needed to hear your Word anew.

And as you do, restore us to your breath.

Restore us to your Word.

Restore us to one another.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

#76 There Is Room For All

Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing 2 times

C G D
There is room for all in the sha-dow of God's wing;

C G D
there is room for all, shel-tered in God's love.

G Bm7
And I re-joice and sing "My re-

- fuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

A C
There is room for all,

G D
there is room for all!

Please be seated.

10:30 Worship Children's Time

Children's Church – during 10:30am Worship for ages 3- grade 5. Kids start in worship with their family and are invited forward for a children's time, They then leave with Ms. Tiffany and return before worship is over.

Song:

THERE ARE PROMISES

There are promises

For you and me

In the B-I-B-L-E

All God's promises

We can See

In the B-I-B-L-E

I'm gonna stand up tall

And spin around

Jump up high

And shout out loud "woo hoo"

There are promises

For you and me

In the B-I-B-L-E



Also kids are invited to the Education Hour and Faith

Formation for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am on Sundays, ages 3 to grade 7.

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.

Repeat Song

Music Offering 8:00 Heritage Choir 10:30 Horizon Choir
Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands
Fred Kaan & Joel Raney
Naomi Henninger, Flute

Preparing to Hear God's Word
 #28 Open Our Hearts
 Sing! Prayer and Praise
ALL Sing 2 times

♩ = 50

O - pen our hearts, o - pen our minds.

O - pen our lives to you, O lov - ing

God, O - pen our hearts.

Scripture

John 21:1-19 (*Jesus appears to the disciples*) |
 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Message Restore
Pastor Kris

Prayer

#107 Amazing Grace
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

All Sing

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

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.**

#107 Amazing Grace
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

All Sing

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.**

**'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And Grace will lead me home.**

**Thank you for the many ways in which you support God's
work and God's people here in Neffs and in the community
and world.**

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OFFERING

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• **Cash or checks (to "Union UCC")** Place in the offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks) or drop in the mail if you're not in person.

Contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-972-8719) or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts to Union.

Music Offering

More Than Wonderful Lanny Wolfe

Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

* Offering Response

#120 Dream God's Dream Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing:

♩ = 69

D C G D C G D Em⁷

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

D/F[♯] G Bm⁷

Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is

F[♯]m⁷ G Em⁷ A A/G

jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to

D/F[♯] G Bm⁷ A

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G D/F[♯] Em⁷ Asus A⁷ D

Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

Please be seated

***Benediction**

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in a restoring God,

All: Who restores our bodies through the gift of Sabbath.

One: We believe in a restoring God,

All: Who restores our souls through the gift of grace and second chances.

One: We believe in a restoring God,

All: Who restores this hurting world through the gift of mercy and God's son Jesus Christ.

One: And we believe in a restoring God who invites us to join in

this restoration work.

**All: As people of faith, we seek to restore creation to God
by feeding the hungry, loving our neighbors,
forgiving seventy times seven, welcoming the children,
seeing all, loving all, and living like we belong to all.**

One: And so we will work until God's promised day.

All: This we believe.

Amen.

Hymn #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.**

Chorus:

**Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Chorus

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your won dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.**

Chorus

Postlude Music

Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William J. Kirkpatrick and Luisa M.R. Stead

Blake Hoppes

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour on Sundays

Enjoy some coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and snacks on Sundays in Memorial Hall after both worship services.

Upcoming hosts include:

10/22– Welcoming Committee

10/29– Church and Ministry

11/5– Mission Committee

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$3,721.13
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan-Sept)	\$223,865.00
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-Sept)	\$226,189.00
Change from Last Year	-1.0%
Budget FY 2023-24 (Sept)	\$33,220.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (Sept)	\$27,821.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-16.3%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
	In person
8:00 am	36
10:30 am	76
Education Hour	11
2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, lbs
Total YTD:	4,727lbs, \$1135

Presentations to the Glory of God

Pastor Kris

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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