

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at <u>www.unionucc.org</u> or like us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/unionneffs</u>.

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 Rosalie Snyder, 10:30 Brynn Buskirk Ushers: Greeters: Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Gene & Christina Thrash Sound: Karl Klinger \*Please stand in body or spirit.

## Prelude Music Holy, Holy, Holy Tune: Nicaea John B. Dykes 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 #299 For All The Saints Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia

2. You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia

3. Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a glorious crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia

## Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to be people of love. ALL: God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.

Leader: Truly loving can sometimes be difficult ALL: Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.

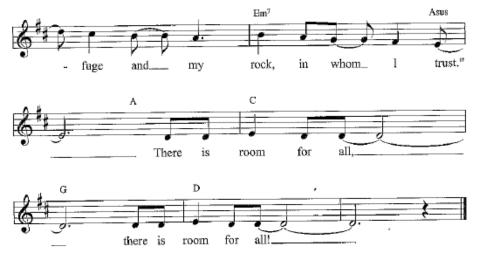
Leader: In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.

## ALL: Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. AMEN.

## Prayer

Leader: Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.





10:30 Music Offering Kids Choir Leaning Song Charlie Bancroft

### 10:30 Worship Children's Time

**Children's Church –** during 10:30am Worship for ages 3grade 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.

## **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

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#### 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

## **10:30 WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

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### Welcome and Reception (ALL in unison)

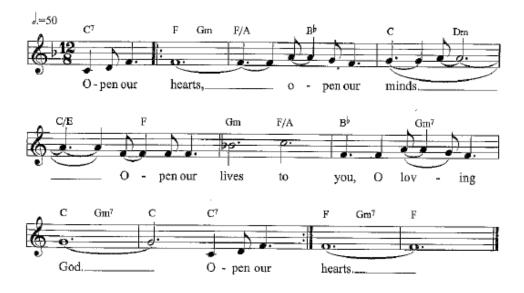
ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

New members being welcomed today: Douglas Brace Sandra and Robert Cahill Kimberly and Sean Flueso (Aubrey and Madison) Betsy and Craig Knauss Debra Ross

#### 8:00am Music Offering Heritage Choir It Is Well With My Soul Arr. Tom Fettke

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



## Scripture

#### Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the

Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet""? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## The Message Pastor Kris

#### All Saints Day **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THEIR ETERNAL REST SINCE October 31, 2022**

Today we remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals.

We name them and give thanks for them:

Louis Burdick	Shirle
Leonard Chowansky	Jeffre
Dale Christman	Janic
Veronica Fabian	Leono
Glenn George	Lorett
Jacob Klotzman	

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A candle has been lit for you. Please take your candle home to remember that you are not alone in your loss.

A Moment of Silence We pause to remember others in our lives who have passed this year, as well as those who have passed in other years who we still mourn and celebrate.

Funds of Lasting Gifts and Memorial Fund We pause to give thanks for those individuals and families that have given these funds in order to remember their loved one and support the mission and ministry of God's church here.

**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, forever. 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.

NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH

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 How Great Thou Art Carl Gustav Boberg Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

## \* Offering Response

#120 Dream God's Dream Sing! Prayer and Praise **ALL Sing:** 



### Please be seated

#### \*Benediction

Leader: What is the greatest commandment? **People: Love the Lord our God with heart, soul and mind.** Leader: And the second is like it:

#### People: Love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Let us go out from this place and serve the world set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, committed to live in the love of God, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Amen. **Hymn** #295 | Sing a Song of the Saints of God Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,

Faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored, lived, and died for the God they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and another a shepherd in pastures green:

they were saints of God, if you know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.

They loved their God and they lived that love.
 It was loving that made them strong.
 They did what was right, for Jesus' sake,
 lived justly their whole lives long.
 And one was a prophet, and one was a priest, and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
 there is no earthly reason, none in the least,
 why I shouldn't be one, too.

3. They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

Postlude Music The Lord's My Shepherd Tune: Marosa, James Leith Macbeth Bain, Arr. Larry Shackley Blake Hoppes

#### EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes	Attendance Last Week			
Last Week	\$6,785.00			In person
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan-Sept)	\$223,865.00	8:00 am		35
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-Sept)	\$226,189.00	10:30 am		80
Change from Last Year	-1.0%	Education Hour		19
Budget FY 2023-24 (Sept)	\$33,220.00	2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
Actual Fiscal Year-to- Date <i>(Sept)</i>	\$27,821.00	Last Week:	\$, 1	LOOlbs
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-16.3%	Total YTD:	4,8	27lbs, \$1135
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# Presentations to the Glory of God

# In memory of Walt Disney

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.

## 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: **11/5**– Mission Committee

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