



Welcome to Worship

October 29, 2023

ALL SAINTS

Celebrating Members and
Friends Who Passed This Year
Welcoming New Members



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 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

Please be seated

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.

#76 There Is Room For All

Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing 2 times

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

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols C, G, and D are placed above the staff at the beginning, middle, and end of the line respectively.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols C, G, and D are placed above the staff at the beginning, middle, and end of the line respectively.

And I re-joice and sing, "My re-

The third line of musical notation continues the melody from the second line. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols G and Bm7 are placed above the staff at the beginning and end of the line respectively.

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

There is room for all,

there is room for all!

**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 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.

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

10:30 WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Mission Statement of Union UCC

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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 Fetke

Preparing to Hear God's Word

#28 Open Our Hearts
Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing 2 times

♩=50

C⁷ F Gm F/A B^b C Dm

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

C/E F Gm F/A B^b Gm⁷

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

C Gm⁷ C C⁷ F Gm⁷ F

God. O - pen our hearts.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Open Our Hearts'. It consists of three staves of music in 12/8 time, with a tempo marking of ♩=50. The first staff contains the lyrics 'O - pen our hearts, o - pen our minds.' with chords C⁷, F, Gm, F/A, B^b, C, and Dm. The second staff contains the lyrics 'O - pen our lives to you, O lov - ing' with chords C/E, F, Gm, F/A, B^b, and Gm⁷. The third staff contains the lyrics 'God. O - pen our hearts.' with chords C, Gm⁷, C, C⁷, F, Gm⁷, and F. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

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

Leonard Chowansky

Dale Christman

Veronica Fabian

Glenn George

Jacob Klotzman

Shirley Knappenberger

Jeffrey Kuhns

Janice Liscka

Leonard Nuss

Loretta Wotring

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, 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.**

NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH

OFFERING

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Here are some of the ways you can share your financial generosity at Union.

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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:

J.=69

D C G D C G D Bm7

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

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 I 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.**

**2. 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, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,785.00
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	35
10:30 am	80
Education Hour	19
2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, 100lbs
Total YTD:	4,827lbs, \$1135

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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