



October 8, 2023

**8 AM & 10:30 AM
WORSHIP**

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 Susan Steinmann, 10:30 Donna Christman
Ushers: 8:00 Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson
10:30 Carol James, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger,
Julie Johnson, Laura Kohler, Ralph Gioielli, Connie Gioielli
Greeters: Jim and Leanna Lane, Nancy Jones, Eric Minnich
Sound: Dawn Dengler

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

Prelude Music

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes
(Tune: CWM Rhondda) Arr. Larry Schackley

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 #403 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (New Century
Hymnal, black)**

**1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' love and righteousness
I dare not trust this earthly frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand**

**2. When shadows veil my Savior's face,
I rest upon unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil**

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is

sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand

**3. Christ's oath and covenant and blood
support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
Christ then is all my hope and stay**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand**

**4. When Christ shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Love be found
Dressed in God's righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand**

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

ALL: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

ALL: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**ALL: We commune with Christians around the world,
with Christians throughout time.**

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

ALL: Let us worship!

Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place, among these people.

Connect our temporary praise to Your timeless rhythms,
Your ageless melodies,

Your everlasting joyful noise. Guide us now to focus upon You, knowing that in You, our distractions become new possibilities for action. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms.

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, sheI-tered in, God's love.

G Bm7

And I re - joi- ce and sing, "My re -

Em7 Asus

- 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.

Music Offering

8:00 Heritage Choir: We Will Praise You

Michael Praetorius, Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

10:30 Kids Choir: Nothing is Impossible Marshall Jones/ Carl
William Smith

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

Preparing to Hear God's Word

#28 Open Our Hearts
Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing 2 times

$\text{♩} = 50$

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

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

God. O - pen our hearts.

Scripture Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son.'

38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Message Pastor Kayli Freeman

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:

We Will Glorify Twila Paris
Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

* Offering Response

#120 Dream God's Dream

Sing! Prayer and Praise

ALL Sing:

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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

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

*Benediction

Leader: So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace. Amen.

Hymn #493 O Jesus, I Have Promised (New Century Hymnal, black)

**1. O Jesus I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide**

**2. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul**

**3. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end
O give me grace to follow my savior and my friend.**

Postlude Music

My Jesus, I love Thee Adoniram J. Gordon (Tune: Gordon)

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:

10/8– Fellowship Committee

10/15– Christian Ed

10/22– Welcoming Committee

10/29– Church and Ministry

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,739.00
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	52
10:30 am	123
Education Hour	15
2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$125, 0lbs
Total YTD:	3,977lbs, \$1135

Presentations to the Glory of God

**Its one year Ray you're with The Lord, I miss you
and pray your resting in peace. Love Carol**

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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