

November 12, 2023
8:00am & 10:30am

Veterans Honored
Baptism (10:30am)

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 Michael Roth, 10:30am Donna Christman

Ushers: 8:00 Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson

10:30 Carol James, Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Laura Kohler, Ralph Gioielli, Connie Gioielli

Greeters: Sally Saltzer, Vicki Mayk

Sound: Doug Albert

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

Prelude Music

God Bless America Irving Berlin
Mitchell Roth, Trumpet and Blake Hoppes, Organ

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 *Hymn #682 A Song of Peace** Gold Hymnal (Hymns
for the Family of God)

1) This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands a far and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

2) My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song, Though God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

3) This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done;

Let Christ be lifted up 'til all men serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one:
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations
Myself I give thee let thy will be done.

4) This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for men in every place;
And yet I pray for my beloved country
The reassurance of continued grace:
Lord help us find our oneness in the Savior
In spite of differences of age and race.

Please be seated

Call to Worship

Leader: Are you awake? Are you alert?

ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of
God.

**ALL: Christ has extended the invitation:
let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

Prayer

Leader: Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm
our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from
fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with
awe but also raises many questions
without easy answers;

Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,
Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,
Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak.
This 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-

Em7 Asus

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

A C

There is room for all,

G D

there is room for all!

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 Room 100 on the first floor and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children in Room 100.

Repeat Song

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rosalyn Ann Gacesa child of Carol (Fella) and John Gacesa III

Sponsors: Emily DiGregorio, Allison Fella, Joseph Gacesa

Lainey Elizabeth Heyer, child of Rachel (Wieller) and William Heyer III

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll and Walker #613 With One Voice

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/8. The second staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 3/8. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Music Offering Battle Hymn of the Republic

Instrumental Ensemble: Mitchell Roth, Mike Baer, Garet Hill,
Lucas Maxwell, Matt Gerry, Craig Knauss, Andy Dyszel,
Isaac Brace

Preparing to Hear God's Word

#28 Open Our Hearts
Sing! Prayer and Praise
ALL Sing 2 times

$\text{♩} = 50$
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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Open Our Hearts'. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 50. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Scripture
Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.'

12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Message Pastor Kayli Freeman

LITANY FOR VETERANS

L: God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

All: We pray and give thanks for those among us that are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the families of those that are currently serving.

L: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all who serve, serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

All: We pray and give thanks for those among us that have served in the military in the past.

L: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

All: We pray and give thanks for those among us who have lost a loved one in war.

L: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.

All: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace. Amen.

**During this song, please stand when the song from your branch of the service begins. You are also invited to stand to represent someone in your family.*

Veterans Dedication

Patriotic Medley Arr. Amy Potter
U.S. Air Force: *The U.S. Air Force Song*
U.S. Army: *The Army Goes Rolling Along*
U.S. Navy: *Anchors Aweigh*
U.S. Marines: *The Marine's Hymn*
U.S. Coast Guard: *Semper Paratus*
Blake Hoppes, Piano

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

Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC Because of YOU our church changes lives....

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• **Venmo @unionuccneffs** Make a donation or pay for a fundraiser or event. Complete "What's this for?" See QR code.

• **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.

Musical Offering

America the Beautiful

Samuel A Ward, Arr. John H. Head & Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Mitchell Roth, Trumpet and Blake Hoppes, Organ

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

Last time to Coda

Please be seated

*Benediction

Leader: Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so. Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven, that in loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. Amen.

*** Hymn #695 My Country, 'Tis of Thee** Gold Hymnal
(Hymns for the Family of God)

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing: land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride
From every mountainside let freedom ring

2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
Thy name I love, I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills like that above

3. Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song, let mortal tongues awake
Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong

4. Our father's God to thee, author of liberty
To thee we sing: long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by thy might, great God our King

Postlude Music

"Freedom Hymn" with "A Mighty Fortress" Dino Kartsonakis,
Bill George, Martin Luther

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:

11/12- Consistory

11/19- Financial Leadership Team

11/26- Sunday Staff



Veterans Day

U.S. ARMY

SP4 Richard Bonsell

Sgt. George Bush

PFC Steven C. Bachman, Military
Police

SP4 James Beers

Sgt. Major Donna (Scherer) Bush

PVT Larry W. Bachman (dec.)

SP4 Donald P. Diehl 293rd Military
Police (dec.)

PFC Earl Fink (dec.)

Cpl. Curtis J. Frantz, Topo. Engr.
(dec.)

Staff Sgt. Edward O. Frantz (dec.)

1st Lt. FA Frederick Frantz (dec.)

SP4 Donald J. Herzog (dec.)

Lt. Colonel Harry B. Burger (dec.)

Jim Fortney

PVT. Zachary Glosan (Active)

Daniel Koren (dec.)

1LT Jonathon Krisko (Active)

PFC Mel Mertz (ret.)

E4 Harry Mericle Jr.

E4 Matthew Mericle

SPC E5 Emory Minnich

PFC Clifford Moyer (dec.)

Pvt. Jackie Onuschak (Active)

SFC Gloria M. Ringer

SP/5 Wilbur Romig

Staff Sgt. Linde Roth

SP5 Ronald C. Snyder

1LT Andrew Todd (Active)

Staff Sgt. Reuben E. Christman(dec.)

PVT Barry L. Craig, Pershing Missile
Unit

Larry Cressman (dec.)

CPL William F. Ebert (dec.)

Sgt. Henry Fenstermaker Hq. Co.
350th Infantry (dec.)

PVT 1st Class Moulton LC Frantz

SGT Ronald P. Frantz (dec.)

Ralph Haaf, Paratrooper

T3 Kenneth Hoffman

Staff Sgt. John Johnson, Jr. (dec.)

PVT 1st class Sherwood Kern (dec.)

W-O David P. Kuhns (dec.)

Sgt. Robert Kuhns (dec.)

PFC Warren S. Kuntz (dec.)

Sgt. Justin Miller

Joe Paul (dec.)

Pvt. Donald Praetorious (dec.)

Cpl. Lawrence Rauch (dec.)

Sgt. Clifford Reph (dec.)

David P. Rex – Technician 5th Grade
(dec.)

PFC Henry T. Rohr (dec.)

SFC Alan Roth

PFC Ralph E. Roth (dec.)

PFC Donald Rothrock (dec.)

SGT Gordon Rothrock (dec.)

PFC James N. Seaman, Jr. (dec.)

SPC3 Ronald C. Sechler (dec.)

Sgt. E-5 Frederick Slade
SP4 Harold S. Smith (dec.)
Jordan N. Totani
Sean VanScoik
Cpl. Carlton Wehr (dec.)
Richard Wehr (dec.)
Sgt. Ernest A. Wetherhold (dec.)
SP5 Stanley M. Wieand (dec.)
Gabe Horvath (Active)

U.S. AIR FORCE

Cpl. Earl Blose (dec.)
S/Sgt. Chester B. Bostick (dec.)
Senior Airman Daulton M. Charles
(Active)
Airman 1st Class Gloria Beltz (dec.)
Col. Eric Best (Active)
Sgt. Ken Conrad
SSgt. Colin Andres
Sgt. Cliff James
Captain Glenn Mattern
A/1C Mervin Peters (dec.)
Sgt. Kenneth Phifer (Active)
SSgt. Nicholas F. Reider (Active)
SSgt Ralph Gioielli
Sgt. Paul "Skeeter" Burda (dec.)
MSgt. Todd E. Miller
CSGT Stephen A. Whitehead
Walter Ensley (dec.)
MSgt. Gary Fister
Sgt. Robert E. Hoppes (dec.)
Staff Sgt. Roy C. Kern (dec.)
W-O David P. Kuhns
Chief Master Sergeant John J. Rem-
aley
Airman 1st Class LaMont Smoyer
Sr. Airman Greg Ulrich
A/2C David Marsteller
Josh Baron (Active)

U.S. MARINE CORPS

LCPL George U. Horn
CPL Darien Middaugh (Active)
CPL Donald Rumble
SGT George Borman
SGT Michael C. Hoffert
PVT Julieann Rotondo (Active)
Pvt. 1st Class Chad Armbuster
(Active)
CPL Fred Roberts, Jr. (dec.)
CPL Ian Totani (Active)
Lance Cpl. Jason E. Wieand

U.S. NAVY

HM2 Corpsman Robert W. Grimes
2nd Class Petty Officer Harry W. Haas
(dec.)
Paul E. Kern (dec.)
Bugler 1st Class Wilbur O. Diehl
(dec.)
Frank C. Gimbel, 3rd Class, Torpedo
Man (dec.)
Spec. 4 Infantry David M. Hartzell
AD3 Jet Mechanic
Ensign Alvin J. Creitz (dec.)
RD2 Robert M. Haberern (dec.)
Ensign Vernon G. Kern (dec.)
2nd Class Petty Officer LeRoy G.
Oswald
CPO Ralph Gioielli
Dylan Kuntz (Active)

US Coast Guard

Richard Gladish, Jr. Chief Warrant
Officer
2nd Class Engineman Terry
Warmkessel

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	
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	77
10:30 am	145
Education Hour	
2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, 150lbs
Total YTD:	4,9707lbs, \$1210

Presentations to the Glory of God

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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