

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
8 & 10:30AM WORSHIP

Festival Community Choir
&
Special Music Guests

Welcome to our guest musicians!
Thank you for filling our church with
beautiful music and hope!



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 Ron Pope, 10:30 Dan Topp

Ushers: 8:00 Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

10:30 Eric Minnich, Scott Nagle, Tami Wassum, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider

Greeters: Geoff & Sara Jane Brace

Sound: Doug Albert

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

**Music leaders today:
Matt Gerry, Instrumental Director
Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music**

Prelude Music
Homeward Bound
Marta Kee, Arranged by Jay Althouse
Julie Wehr with 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 #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above,
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your ray's,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,**

flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
teach us what our praise should be.

3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

Please be seated

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

ALL: God's love endures forever!

Leader: God has come to God's people with
blessings and hope.

ALL: Praise God for the many ways God touches our lives.

Prayer

Leader: God of hope, we come to you in the midst of a world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness is powerful, open our eyes, Lord, to the light of your presence. Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence. Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples, discovering lives attune to your wonder, and sparking in others a desire to know you more. In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray, Amen.

— Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, [wonderings through life and other such nonsense](#).

#76 There Is Room For All
Sing! Prayer and Praise
ALL Sing 2 times

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes.

Staff 1: C G D
There is room for all, in the sha-dow of God's wing;

Staff 2: C G D
there is room for all, shel-tered in God's love.

Staff 3: G Bm7
And I re-joice and sing, "My re-

Staff 4: Em7 Asus
-fuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

Staff 5: A C
There is room for all,

Staff 6: 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.

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

$\text{♩} = 50$

C⁷ F Gm F/A B^b C Dm

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

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Open Our Hearts'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 50. The melody consists of a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'O - pen our hearts, o - pen our minds.' are written below the staff, with the first two notes of the melody aligned with 'O - pen our' and the last three notes aligned with 'hearts, o - pen our minds.'. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C⁷ above the first note, F above the second, Gm above the third, F/A above the fourth, B^b above the fifth, C above the sixth, and Dm above the seventh.

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.

Scripture

Mark 10: 46-52 (NRSV)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Message and Music: Hope

Pastor Kris Excerpts from *When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions* Sue Monk Kidd

How Sweet the Sound Christi Jones

Men's Choir: John Meltsch, Isaiah Colfield, Gavin Sachse, Andrew Sachse, Grant Pinsley, Alec Marcheck, Jaxon Egge, Jackson Hunsicker, Jack Valuntas, Eric Wood

Pastor Kris

If Music Be The Food of Love Henry Purcell

Marlie Heym, Solo with Blake Hoppes

If music be the food of love, sing on sing on, sing on sing on
til I am filled am filled with joy.

For then my listening soul you move,

for then my listening soul you move

To pleasures that can never cloy

Your eyes, your mien, your tongue declare

that you are music everywhere.

Your eyes, your mien, your tongue declare

that you are music everywhere

Pleasures invade both eye and ear, so fierce so fierce,

so fierce so fierce the transports are they wound

And all my senses feasted are, and all my senses feasted
are

Though yet the treat is only sound

Sure I must perish by your charms

unless you save me in your arms.

Sure I must perish by your charms

unless you save me in your arms.

Pastor Kris

Crown Him Lord of All Joseph Martin

Festival Community Choir & Union UCC Choirs

Trumpet - Mitchel Roth and Julie Gavratsi

Euphonium - Katelyn Attieh

Trombone - Alex Gross

Baritone Saxophone - Nancy Gross

Percussion - Grant Pinsley

Timpani - Matt Becker

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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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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Erneuerten Gesangbuch
Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

* Offering Response

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

ALL Sing:

Musical score for "Dream God's Dream" in G major, 6/8 time, tempo 69. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

♩ = 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

Pastor Kris Together in Stillness Sue Monk Kidd

* **Hymn** #592 God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. God of the ages, who with sure command
Brought forth in beauty all the starry band**

**Of shining worlds in splendor trough the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**2. Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
With steadfast care be ever our defense;
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
With bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**4. Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,
And we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.**

Postlude Music

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place André E. M. Grétry,
William Kirkpatrick

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:

11/5– Mission Committee

11/12- Consistory

11/19– Financial Leadership Team

11/26– Sunday Staff

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,505.00
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	39
10:30 am	92
Education Hour	
2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$75, lbs
Total YTD:	4,827lbs, \$1210

Presentations to the Glory of God

In memory of Velma Wehr from Phil and Julie

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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