



**8 & 10:30am**  
**November 24, 2024**  
**Guest Musicians: Alatheia**

**GUESTS**, Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](http://www.facebook.com/unionneffs). Let us know you're here by completing the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you and hand it to a pastor or drop it in the offering plate.

**Vision Statement**

UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROWING

**Mission Statement**

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.

***No matter who you are or where you on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.***

***Union UCC is an Open and Affirming (ONA) Community.***

Lay Reader: 8am Carol Pope, 10:30 Brynn Buskirk

Ushers: 8am: Cliff James, Carol James, Michael Haftl, Daniel Haftl  
10:30am: Jason Klinger, Andy Dyszel, Ashleigh Albert, Claire Kern,  
Gene Thrash, Marlene Blose, Dale Blose

Greeters: Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Andy & Jan Dyszel

Sound: Mike Baer

## **Prelude Music**

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

## **Welcome to Union UCC and Worship Today!**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

We pray that this worship series will bring a “breather” and a sense of assurance to us all. Life is a series of exclamations from “O No!” to “Help!” to “Oh Yeah!” We can swing between disappointment, helplessness, and gratitude on a daily basis. The Book of Psalms knows all about this. Written over a span of time from exile and isolation to the rebuilding of the community, the poetry of the Psalms will accompany us in this series, reminding us that through it all, we can trust that God is, indeed, holding our lives.

Let us seek to simplify this moment, slow down for a time. Let us worship, leaning on prayer, reflection, and sharing with one another.

### **Threshold “God is Holding Your Life”**

The Psalm that comes at the end of our series speaks of an active God whose light shines for all time and in all places. God is not silent, but calls the people to remember that they, too, can act on God’s behalf, holding all suffering peoples in hands of prayer and care and transforming the world that will shine bright into the future. May it be so. This last week we will sing all the verses of our theme song.

### **All Sung:**

**Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.  
From where will help and rescue come?  
We call the One who made the earth,**

**Who bless'd the stars, the moon and sun.**

**God is holding your life  
God is holding your life  
God is holding your life, we believe**  
*[repeat refrain]*

**Turn now your gaze upon the earth  
Where is the One who never sleeps?  
We call the One who guards you now,  
Your spirit safe in holy keep.**

**God is holding your life  
God is holding your life  
God is holding your life, we believe**  
*[repeat refrain]*

**Venturing out or coming home,  
'neath heat of day or cool of night,  
we call the one who hears your voice  
and comes to heal and keep your life.**

**God is holding your life  
God is holding your life  
God is holding your life, we believe**  
*[repeat refrain]*

### **Opening Collect Prayer**

*Leader:* Holy One, Light of the World,  
you help us to see and find our way in this time.  
Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right,  
so that we might alight our own lives to show forth  
your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

**People: We praise you for your steadfast presence,**

**holding our lives together in love.  
Amen.**

### **Greeting**

Leader: No matter who you are or  
where you are on life's journey,

**ALL: You are welcome here. God is holding your life.**

**\*Please stand in body or spirit to greet each other.**

**Please be seated.**

### **10:30 Worship Children's Time**

Children are invited forward during the song and then  
leave with Ms. Tiffany for Children's Church.

**Let everything that God made say thank you Lord  
Let everything that God made say thank you Lord  
Let everything that God made say thank you Lord  
Thank you God for making me!**

**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.

**Kids are invited to the Education Hour and Faith Formation for  
All Ages** – 9:15-10:15am on Sundays, ages 3 to grade 7.

**The Message Alathea**

***We are overjoyed to be able to welcome  
Mandee, Cristi, and Calvin to  
Union UCC for the 7th time.  
We've known them since 2009!***

*Today's special music by Alatheia is made possible by  
the Funds of Lasting Gifts and The Mattern  
Family Music Fund.*

*Alatheia's music is available for sale today in the lobby.  
Your purchase supports their ministry and music.  
You can also find it here: [www.alatheia.com](http://www.alatheia.com)*

## **Silent Night**

**Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born**

**Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**

**Christ the Savior is born  
So sleep in heavenly peace**

## **Mountain Medley**

**Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, Lord, by and by?  
There's a better home awaitin'  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.**

**Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, Lord, by and by?  
There's a better home awaitin'  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.**

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away**

**I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away**

**Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a home where joy will never end  
I'll fly away.**

**I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away**

**God Is Holding Us Moment**

**Keeping the Faith as Members and Disciples of Union UCC  
for 40+ Years.**

**Ronald & Eleanor Kleckner  
Doug & Claire Kern**

## Prayers of the People

### 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.**

### Sung Prayer Response

You Will Find Me Andrew Ripp

#### All Sung:

**When your soul's weary**

**When you find doubt**

**When you can't hear me**

**Lay your troubles down**

**In your dark moments**

**When your heart's weak**

**Bring yourself broken**

**You will find me**

#### [Chorus]

**Who wrote the rain?**

**Who wrote the sun in?**

**Who called your name?**

**Where are you runnin'?**

**I'm gonna be there near or far**

**I'm gonna meet you where you are**

**Who wrote the rain?**

**Who wrote the sun in?**

**When you come thirsty**

**When the well's dry**

When your soul's dirty  
I am by your side  
When your faith's broken  
When you can't see  
With my arms open  
You will find me

[Chorus]

Who wrote the rain?  
Who wrote the sun in?  
Who called your name?  
Where are you runnin'?  
I'm gonna be there near or far  
I'm gonna meet you where you are  
Who wrote the rain?  
Who wrote the sun in?

[Outro]

Mm-mm-mm, mm  
Mm-mm-mm, mm  
Mm-mm-mm, mm  
You will find me  
Mm-mm-mm, mm  
You will find me

**NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH  
AT UNION**

**OFFERING**



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Neffs, Pennsylvania

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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.



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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.

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## Music Offering Alathea

Amazing Grace / It Is Well

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I am found  
Was blind but now I see.**

**Twass grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.**

**When peace like a river attendeth my way.  
When sorrows like sea billows blow.  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well  
With my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the lord, praise the lord, oh my soul.**

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

### **\*Offering Response**

**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me  
Sing! Prayer and Praise #139**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anytime Lord, and anywhere.  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anytime Lord, and anywhere.**

### **Benediction**

**Now go in the knowledge that  
God is holding your life  
even as we hold each other.  
You are not alone.  
You are loved.  
Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn Alathea**  
**For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

**Refrain: Lord of all to Thee we raise**  
**This our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

**Postlude Music**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing    Tune: Nettleton  
**Blake Hoppes**

**Worship Theme:** c. Worship Design Studio  
**Worship Design Team:** Kathy Bonsell, Claire Kern,  
Deb Topp, Pastor Kris

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last (2) Weeks	\$14,802.00	8 AM	79
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-Oct.)	\$320,290.00	10:30 AM	149
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan.-Oct.)	\$ 308,275.00	Online Views	477
Change from Last Year	3.9%	Sunday School	12
Budget FY 2024-25 (July-Oct.)	\$115,200.00	God First	25
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-Oct.)	\$114,112.00	Faith on Tap	30
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-0.9%	Breathe	15
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>		<b>2024 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
		Last Week:	\$50, 1000bs
		Total YTD:	\$1200, 6,090lbs

## Presentations to the Glory of God

### Happy Birthday Pastor Kayli - Carolyn Barry

**Good News Sponsor**– for \$20 help us cover the costs of advertising on social media, mailings, and local papers.  
**Children’s Bulletin Sponsor**– for \$8 cover the cost of bulletins for children.

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