



**Word and World: A  
Joyful Noise**

**Word**

Psalm 100, Romans  
5:1-11

**World**

National Beer Day,  
Father's Day

**June 15, 2025**

**10:30am**

**Celebrating the Men and Dads in Our Church Family**

**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.

**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 are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.***

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

Lay Readers: Donna Christman

Ushers: Donna Christman, Gloria Toner, Deb Wenner, Doug Brace,  
Marianne Kitzmiller, , Brian Horwith, Maryann Puia

Greeters: George & Val Borman, Geoff & Sara Jane Brace

Sound: Doug Albert

## **Prelude Music**

This Is My Father's World  
Tune: Terra Patris, Franklin L. Sheppard  
**Blake Hoppes**

## **Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: In sound and in movement,  
in idea and in dream,  
in word and in silence,  
in thought and in desire,  
we make a noise  
a fully human and divine noise:  
a sacred cacophony  
of music and story,  
that praises the diversity  
that is the love of God.  
In holy bedlam  
we worship.

### **Prayer of Adoration And Confession**

Leader: Most Holy One, we have come to worship, to make  
a joyful noise with singing,  
all of us, even those who feel they cannot sing,  
and those who will not sing  
because they have been told they cannot.  
Lord, you know what is in our hearts and you invite us all to  
serve you with gladness,  
even when we may not particularly feel glad.  
We give thanks that joy runs deep.  
We give thanks, too, for your creation, for days which stretch,  
filled with daylight, and more potential hours of worship to  
sing your praise.  
We are grateful for fathers on this Father's Day;  
for scriptural images of caring, parent-figures who guide us

in the way of your truth and love; for the relationship  
Jesus describes with you, Abba, Daddy, Father,  
that teaches us how to interact in the family of faith;  
and we are grateful for the Holy Spirit that pours love into our  
hearts.

Merciful God, we confess that we forget to be grateful  
and we forget to be joyful.

We get caught up in our must dos,  
resent demands on our time,  
and surround ourselves with news that we allow to diminish  
our joy and our time with you.

We forget the importance of right relationships in our lives.  
Help us to realize that in you we are made complete and  
that this completion brings the deepest joy.

We offer our worship to you this day in hope and full of  
praise for you,  
these things we pray in Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **SONG**

**ALL: I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

#588 Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

### **Passing Joy**

The Joy of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

I invite you to share the JOY of Christ with those around you,  
[remembering to greet those online with a wave to the camera].

**\*Please rise in body or spirit to greet each other and for the first song.**

**\*Hymn #5 Morning Has Broken**  
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

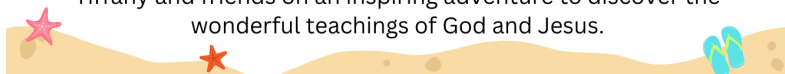
**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

**Please be seated.**

**Children Are Invited forward to go with Ms. Tiffany  
Adults: You are the "where?" response!**

  
**KIDVENTURE  
SUMMER**  
**May 25th to August 31st**

During the 10:30am service, children are warmly invited to join Ms. Tiffany and friends on an inspiring adventure to discover the wonderful teachings of God and Jesus.



**I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay**

**I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay**

**I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay**

**I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer  
Way down in the depths of my heart (where?)  
Down in the depths of my heart (where?)  
Down in the depths of my heart  
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer  
Way down in the depths of my heart (where?)  
Down in the depths of my heart to stay**

**Resuming September 14: 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. They will return to worship before it's over and if not, please pick up your children in Room 100. If you want your child to stay in worship with you, please

let them know.

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

### **Reflection**

Make a joyful noise, all the earth:  
dogs barking, birds chirping,  
cats purring, hyenas cackling, whales singing,  
elephants trumping, horses neighing, ducks quacking,  
babies giggling, choirs singing, water rushing,  
leaves rustling, waves crashing, bees buzzing,  
frogs croaking, grasshoppers stridulating, sheep bleating,  
hawks screeching, an extraordinary diversity, a wondrous  
cacophony,  
from depths to heights, subsonic to ultrasonic, rejoicing,  
living, thriving, part of creation, a gift of God,  
and worthy of thanksgiving.

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Proverbs 8: 1-4**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

#### **John 16: 12-15**

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **All Sing:**

**ALL Sing: I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save**

**I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart**

Here I Am, Lord Schutte

### **The Message    On Truthiness Guest Preacher and Union UCC Member, Geoff Brace**

Geoff has been around church most of his life. He's served on the Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ (and a few denominational predecessor boards), was PNEC Conference Moderator, attended at least eight UCC General Synods (including one on his honeymoon), did terms on local congregation governing bodies, sings when needed, and has been spotted cooking and doing dishes in a few church kitchens. Geoff, his wife Sara Jane and their son Isaac are members of Union UCC. Geoff was elected to the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners in 2013, serving as Chair since 2021.

### **PRAYER**

## **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, forever. Amen.**

### **All Sing:**

**In times of brokenness, in every wilderness**

**God has seen us through**

**Times when our strength was gone**

**Somehow we carried on**

**God has seen us through**

**Look behind and see throughout history**

**God has never let us down**

**Lean ahead and trust God is guiding us**

**God is with us here right now**

**God will see me through**

**God will see you through**

**God will see us through somehow**

**Step by step we'll be given all we need**

**God will see us through this now**

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



**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Neffs, Pennsylvania**



## OFFERING

**Be an ambassador for Union UCC and tell your friends and neighbors about our church!**

**Thank you for your prayers, participation, and financial support which helps us be a church that is relevant, engaged, and growing!**

• **ELECTRONIC GIVING** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-251X/home> or use the QR code with your cell phone. Choose an ongoing regular donation or a single donation with your credit or debit card. (Help us with fees if you can.)



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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.

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

Widmung (Dedication) Schumann - Liszt

**Blake Hoppes**

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

**ALL Sing: Dream God's dream**

**Holy Spirit, help us dream...**

**Of a world where there is justice, and where everyone is free**

**To build and grow and love  
And to simply have enough  
The world will change when we dream God's dream**

Dream God's Dream Slrchio

### **Prayer Of Dedication**

Leader: Bountiful God, we give thanks to you and bless your name.

For we know you are good, and your steadfast love endures forever.

We give thanks for the individual gifts we have been given,  
and for this community of faith  
which helps to develop those gifts for the good of all.

We bring ourselves and these monetary offerings  
for the broadening and bettering of your love in the world.

Make these givers and these gifts your own  
as they are joyfully given. Amen.

### **Sending**

Leader: From this place of worship we go out,  
having entered with thanksgiving,  
we now return to the world,  
with a spirit of gratitude  
and an attitude of joy.  
Remain with us, God of love,  
that our joy may be complete.

**\*Hymn #284** Joys are Flowing Like a River/Blessed  
Quietness (Verses 1-3)  
Black Hymnal/The New Century Hymnal

**Joys are flowing like a river,  
Since the Comforter has come;  
Christ abides with us forever,  
Makes the trusting heart a home.**

**Refrain:**

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,  
What assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,  
And the billows cease to roll.

Bringing life and health and gladness,  
All around this heavenly Guest;  
Banished unbelief and sadness,  
Change the weariness to rest.

**REFRAIN**

Like the rain that falls from heaven,  
Like the sunlight from the sky,  
So the Spirit too is given,  
coming on us from on high.

**REFRAIN****Postlude Music**

To God be the Glory

Fanny Crosby, Robert Lowry, W. Howard Doane

**Blake Hoppes**

Worship Theme adapted from [www.spillthebeans.org.uk](http://www.spillthebeans.org.uk)

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week	\$7,147.00		
Calendar Year 2025 (Jan.-May)	\$164,672.00	10:30 AM	74
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-May)	\$ 169,837.00	Online Views	97
Change from Last Year	-3.0%	Sunday School	
Budget FY 2024-25 (July-May)	\$ 387,990.00	God First	32
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-May)	\$389,400.00	Faith on Tap	30
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-0.4%	Breathe	10
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
		Last Week:	\$, lbs
		Total	\$900, 2,495lbs

One Great Hour of Sharing to date: \$990.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

In memory of Gordon Rothrock by daughters Lucille Kuhns, Lana Reitz, and Leoma Kern

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