



Word and World:

Faithful Lord

Word:

Psalm 145

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

World:

Armed Forces Day

(June 28)

June 29, 2025

10:30am Worship in the Grove

Open and Affirming Sunday

Build Your Own Sundae Sunday

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at 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 on life's journey,
you are welcome here.***

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

Lay Reader: Eric Minnich

Greeters: Tracey & Rob Bilger, Mark & Debbie Daluisio

Sound: Dawn Dengler & Karl Klinger

Prelude Music

In the Garden C. Austin Miles
Blake Hoppes

Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Deana Correll (ONA Team)

Leader: All God's works
give praise.

Open out your arms and shout 'alleluia'.
Feast on creation and bless it with joy.
Listen to its song and join its chorus.
Forever and ever, forever and ever,
let us gather
and worship.

Prayer of Adoration And Confession Sue Steinmann (ONA Team)

Leader: God, you are great,
and your greatness is unsearchable.
Yet, you invite us into a relationship with you.
And so, to search for you, to seek you out,
and to find you, becomes part of our purpose in life.
We praise you for a creation that is vast and wonderful. A
mighty act of work that is unsurpassable.
In creation we find you.
In the flora and fauna, birds of the air,
and creatures of the earth,
your imprint is made known.
In the human character and in acts of
kindness and compassion,
we see a reflection of your own nature
and activity in the world.
We thank you for what makes you, you!
You are gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love
and your works are wondrous.
We say sorry today for the times when we
fall short in our commitment to live as
your people in the world.
We have not always lived by your commandments— to
put you first, and others as a very close second. Some-
times we elevate our own importance too much. Without
real activity to love our neighbors,
our devotion to you is less than it should be.
Our actions and thoughts have at times
strayed from the righteous path
you lay in front of us.
Forgive us, we pray,
for our waywardness and half-heartedness.
Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits,
so that we may better walk in your ways,
and, day by day, reflect your love.
We thank you that, in your mercy,
you are ready and willing to lift us when we fall.
In this spirit of unconditional love,
we move on from where we have let you down,
and commit now to a new life in your grace.
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.**

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 Hymn #31** All Things Bright and Beautiful (New Century Hymnal, black)

REFRAIN: All Things bright ant beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
Our dear God made them all

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings

REFRAIN

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky

REFRAIN

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one

REFRAIN

Please be seated.

Children Are Invited forward to go with Ms. Tiffany

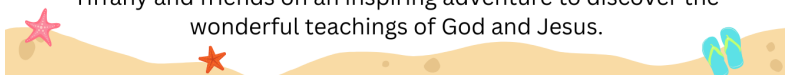
Adults: You are the “where?” response!



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 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

Doug Brace & Hannah Minnich (ONA Team)

ME-ism

Voice A: Give praise to the Lord for he is good.

Voice B: Give praise to myself for I am good.

Voice A: Proclaim the greatness of God's name.

Voice B: Proclaim the greatness of my name for I am well-known.

Voice A: Tell everyone what God has done.

Voice B: Tell everyone what I have done through my social media.

Voice A: Sing praise to the Lord.

Voice B: Sing praise to my glorious name.

Voice A: Exult in his name.

Voice B: Exult in ME for I am on a pedestal for the world to see.

Voice A: Rejoice in God always.

Voice B: Rejoice in ME forever.

Both: I, ME, MY need to go.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
- ⁶ They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people you mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Romans 12:3-8

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

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

God Will See Us Through Sirchio

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



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Neffs, Pennsylvania

OFFERING

When we worship in the sanctuary the offering will be collected by our ushers in your seats.

When we worship outside in the grove the offering is collected at the welcome tables when you arrive or leave worship.

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-Z51X/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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• **FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.



Vanco Mobile

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Venmo

• **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.

Music Offering

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman, Anthony J. Showalter

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: Gracious God,

we lift your name forever and ever.

Each day, when we rise,

we are in awe at what you make possible,

and we proclaim your goodness— in our prayers, and by
our activity in the world. You are good to all,

and your compassion extends to all you have created.

As we gather our offerings today, we do so with joy and
thanksgiving.

We celebrate the provision,

that you make possible in our lives,

and with generous hearts, we return to you from our wealth.

Through our generosity, may the work of the church here
continue to be supported, and may our contribution also
go some way to supporting the work of the church
elsewhere in our country and beyond.

Amen.

Sending

Leader: As we leave this place,
remember that God is always with us,
full of grace and compassion,
with endless patience and faithful love.

May we go singing praises
and rejoicing in God's name,
knowing that God is with us all always.

***Hymn #677 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each
man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude Music

The Lord's My Shepherd

Tune: Marosa, James Leith Macbeth Bain,

Arr. Larry Shackley

Blake Hoppes

Worship Theme adapted from www.spillthebeans.org.uk

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week		8 AM	-
Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-May)	\$164,672.00	10:30 AM	74
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-May)	\$ 169,837.00	Online Views	116
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:	\$, 300lbs
		Total YTD:	\$900, 2,795lbs

One Great Hour of Sharing to date: \$990.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

Happy Birthday to Pastor Kris on June 25, 2025-God Bless You-Love Carol B

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