

# Word and World: Thank You

#### Word:

1 Chronicles 16:8-36, Romans 11:33-36

#### World

International Thank You Day

# July 6, 2025 10:30am American Heritage 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: Donna Christman

Ushers: Don Penrod ,Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum John Fabian,

Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider, Carolyn Seyler

Greeters: Jen Haley, Jim & Edie Fella

Sound: Pat Sorg

#### Prelude Music

Onward, Christian Soldiers Arthur S. Sullivan **Blake Hoppes** 

# Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements

# Call to Worship

**Thanks** 

Pause

Gratitude

**Pause** 

Blessing

Pause

Joy

Pause

Love

Pause

We do not always have the words but we have the silence that speaks more deeply in the place we gather in worship.

# **Prayer of Adoration And Confession**

Holy One, may we find the words that shape our thanks and hold that thanks deeply.
And when we cannot find the words may you know the dance in our souls that speaks of thanksgiving, for your love that holds all things.

May we find the stories to tell that speak of thanks.

May we find the music that brings a song to our lips.

May we share the memories that offer blessings.

May we remember the moments that bring

us the fullness of life

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And in a great celebration of praise weave a tapestry of thanksgiving:

the different colors of our lives together woven into one voice of wonder and joy; your people together giving thanks for the gift you are, and the gifts we find in each other.

May our hearts rejoice, our lips praise, our souls expand, our words sing, our song rise and our whole beings give thanks. Holy God, hear our prayer of thanksgiving for all you are, for all you have done and will do for us, yesterday, today and tomorrow. So be it. 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 Hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator
Family all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Please be seated.

Children Are Invited forward to go with Our Adult Leaders
Adults: You are the "where?" response!



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.

## **Music Offering**

"Medley of Patriotism" Arr. Gary Lanier Craig Knauss, clarinet and Blake Hoppes, piano

#### Reflection

How might we give thanks, without words but in our living?

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How might we give thanks in act and in being?
How might we give thanks in ways that speak,
without shouting it out for all to hear?
In every breath. In every memory. In every question.
In every sound. In every meal. In every dawn.
In every hope. In every taste. In every joy.
In every worry. In every comfort. In every promise.
In every yesterday. In every tomorrow.
How might we give thanks, every day
in just being who we are?
May we make each day that gift for thanksgiving
by living it completely.

#### **Scripture Reading**

#### 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

7Then on that day David first appointed the singing of praises to the LORD by Asaph and his kindred. 80 give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. <sup>9</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. <sup>10</sup>Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 11Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presence continually. <sup>12</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done. his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, <sup>13</sup>O offspring of his servant Israel, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>14</sup>He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. <sup>15</sup>Remember his covenant forever. the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, 16the covenant that he made with Abraham. his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>17</sup>which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute. to Israel as an everlasting covenant, 18saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." <sup>19</sup>When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in the land, <sup>20</sup>wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, <sup>21</sup>he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, <sup>22</sup>saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." <sup>23</sup>Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. <sup>24</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. <sup>25</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. <sup>26</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. <sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; 30tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. <sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD is king!" 32Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. 33Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

#### 35Say also:

"Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and rescue us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.

36Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting."

Then all the people said "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

#### Romans 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

- 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"
- 35 "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?"
- <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

# 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** Thank You Pastor Kris

#### **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



#### **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!

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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 Tribute to America Arr. Mark Hayes 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

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#### **Prayer Of Dedication**

Thank you, generous God, for all the thoughts and words of thanks that we have shared today, and let this not be a singular event, but rather a sign of our daily sense of thankfulness.

Take the gifts of service and resource that we offer today and every day, use us and them in the creating of a world in which all might have something about which to give thanks.

Amen.

## Sending

Give thanks to your family, give thanks to your friends, give thanks to your church friends, give thanks to the people in our community, give thanks to God for all the blessings.

Smile and be joyful laugh and be cheerful,

# chuckle and be generous to others. Thank you, God.

#### \*Hymn Favorite Hymns:

**Amazing Grace** 

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

How Great Thou Art
Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

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.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise

Postlude Music
God Bless America Irving Berlin
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	\$3,785.00	8 AM		-
		10:30 AM		121
Calendar Year 2025 (Jan.May)	\$164,672.00	Online Views		
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan May)	\$ 169,837.00	Sunday School		
	-3.0%	God First		32
Change from Last Year		Faith on Tap		30
Budget FY 2024-25 <i>(July-</i> <i>May)</i>	\$ 387,990.00	Breathe		10
Actual Fiscal Year-to- Date <i>(July-May)</i>	\$389,400.00	2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:		
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-0.4%	Last	\$, 350lbs	
		Week:		
Additional financial information available in		Total	\$9	00, 3,145lbs
Consistory Minutes		YTD:		

One Great Hour of Sharing to date: \$915.00

# <u>Presentations to the Glory of God</u>

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