



Prayers for Others

Prayer:

Prayers of Intercession
(for Others)

Word:

John 17:10-26
Luke 2:36-38

September 21, 2025

8:00 am & 10:30am

Prayer: Prayers of Intercession (for Others)
10:30 Baptism

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

Lay Readers: 8 am– Ron Pope; 10:30 am– Don Penrod

Ushers: 8 am– Debbie Romig, Connie Gioeli, Dixie Gross; 10:30 am– , Donna Christman, Gloria Toner, Deb Wenner, Doug Brace, Marianne Kitzmiller, Brian Horwith, Maryann Puig

Greeters: Carol Pope, Ron Pope, Johanna & Greg Zellner

Sound: Mike Baer

Prelude Music

Be Thou My Vision Irish Folk Melody

Blake Hoppes

Welcome to Union UCC!

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: One

All: together.

Leader: One

All: in prayer.

Leader: One

All: in each other.

Leader: One

All: in faith.

Leader: One

All: in Jesus.

Leader: One

All: in worship.

Prayer of Adoration And Confession

O Holy God, we are gathered in worship
before you, our one God.

We gather in adoration to praise you and to meet with you.
Creator God, you are everywhere
and ever present.

We come with our wish lists and you listen.
You accept our scraps as treasured gifts.
Redeeming Christ you showed us the way,
through word and example,
teaching us about how
our lives should be lived,

demonstrating what a
faith-filled, godly life looks like.
Sustaining Spirit you blow in and
blow us away in so many inspiring moments:
guiding and cajoling, nudging and directing,
encouraging and supporting us.
Forgive us, God, for the times we let things slip,
and try and go our own way
instead of turning to you;
for the times we walk in the wrong direction
instead of turning to you;
for the times we ignore your presence
instead of turning to you.
Assurance us now of your grace, remind us of your love,
and equip us to do better.
All this we pray to you, our God.
Amen.

Song

**ALL: There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.**

#76 Sing! Prayer and Praise

Passing Love

The Love of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
I invite you to share the LOVE of Christ with those around you
***Please rise in body or spirit to greet each other and for the first
song.**

***Hymn #466** What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

Please be seated.

10:30 Worship Children's Time

Sundays at 10:30am Worship Children's Church 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. Nikki 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.

All Sing:

**This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Also on Sundays 9:15-10:15 am, ages 3 to grade 7. Kids are invited to the Education Hour with Ms. Nikki and Leaders.

Watch for God First Wednesdays and other events too!

10:30 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Knox Michael Kocher child, of Carly (Kingsley) and Randy Kocher

Sponsor: Casey Holcomb

Anthony Edward Torres, child of Ava (Deemer) and Albert Torres

Sponsor: Jadah Trimmer

Weston James Roth, child of Laura (Kovalchik) and Benjamin Roth

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

8:00 Music Offering

Heritage Choir: Come Thou Fount John Wyeth

Choral Setting by Bob Krogstad

Reflection

Anna, oh Anna,
you make it so hard for us.
Your life of devotion showing us up, shaming us.
Fasting and praying
day in day out, year after year.
And in come Mary and Joseph
their infant son in their arms
disturbing your peace.
Disrupting your flow.
And in your heart was thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving for this child.
Oh Anna, you prophetess you!
This was your moment,
your time patiently awaited.
And you took it willingly, gratefully,
sharing what you knew of this boy
with all that would listen.
Anna, oh Anna,
that we might do the same.

Scripture Reading John 17:10-26

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have giv-

en them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Luke 2:36-38

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came,

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and began to praise God and to speak about the child
to all who were looking for the redemption of
Jerusalem.

ALL Sing:

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thru the storm thru the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

Precious Lord #611 Hymns for the Family of God/Gold Hymnal

The Message

Prayers of Intercession (for Others) 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:
When your souls weary
When you find doubt
When you can't hear me
Lay your troubles down
In your dark moments
When your hearts weak
Bring yourself broken
You will find me

Who wrote the rain
Who wrote the sun in
Who called your name
Where are you running
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 wells dry
When your souls dirty
I am by your side
When your faiths broken
When you can't see
With my arms open
You will find me

Who wrote the rain
Who wrote the sun in
Who called your name
Where are you running
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

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

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

Please reach out to 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: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel
Blake Hoppes

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

Offering Response

ALL Sing:
Make us one, Lord,
Make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you.
(Repeat)

Make Us One Carol Cymbala

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and loving God
we bring before you our gifts,
given freely to be used
as you see fit.
In these notes and coins,
and in our direct giving,
you find our offering,
a representation of all
that we offer now to you:
our time, our labor, our love. Amen.

Sending

Go,
you are the people of God,
one people, for God.
May God's Holy Spirit dwell within you.
May the love of God
kindle a flame of compassion.
May the hope of God
keep you focused.
May the joy of God,
bring you laughter.

Keep on praying,
keep on serving,
keep on, keeping on,
and the blessing of God
be with you now,
and forevermore

***Hymn #539– Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?**

Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**Won't you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too**

**We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load**

**I will hold the Christ light for you
In the shadow of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through**

**Won't you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too**

Postlude: Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
William J. Kirkpatrick and Louisa M. R. Stead
Blake Hoppes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,228.00
<i>Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-July)</i>	\$ 215,876.00
<i>Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-July)</i>	\$ 234,804.00
Change from Last Year	-8.1%
Budget FY 2025-2026 <i>(July)</i>	\$ 29,710.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date <i>(July)</i>	\$27,326.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-8.0%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	41
10:30 AM	80
Online Views	-
Sunday School	-
God First	-
Confirmation Class	11
Breathe	-

2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	150 lbs \$50

Neighbors in Need: \$630.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

In Honor of Pastor Kris and Pastor Kayli– Wes and Maria Beltz

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. Send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or Children's Bulletin. Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.

