



November 2nd, 2025

Festival Choir Sunday

**Welcome and thank you to our singers and musicians from
Union UCC and the Gerry Music Studio!**

Thank you for filling our church with beautiful music!

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

Lay Readers: 8 am– Michael Roth 10:30 am– Don Penrod
Ushers: 8 am– Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Leoma Kern
10:30 am– Don Penrod, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, John Fabian, Jennifer Haley, Carolyn Seyler
Greeters: Jen Haley, Jim & Edie Fella
Sound: Doug Albert

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is... so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are the "assets" we've been looking for. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good.

Prelude Music

Morning Has Broken & O Worship the King Arr. Bill George
Blake Hoppes, piano

Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements

The Call to Fly

What if every time you serve someone—the person standing in line waiting for food, or your child, or your parent, your student, your patient, your client, your customer—you remember that the most important use of your power—your influence—is to lift up the full and powerful humanity of the person in front of you?

SONG

**ALL: In my dreams I can fly
and I soar
and my feet touch the sky
and it seems I can go anywhere if I try
and the world's not so dark
when the clouds make it white
If there's no hope
tell me why
in my dreams I can fly**

Like Jesus, changemakers use power differently. Jesus was a leader, but he led in a different way—he shared and gave away power rather than amassing it. Changemaking is about a deeper restoring, healing, uplifting, liberating, and unburdening of others.

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Fly Bobby Jo Valentine

Call to Confession

God has given us all we need to build a movement, but it is slow and difficult work. Let us confess together the times that we have waned and faltered in our work of making change.

Holy One, you have shown us how to empower other people through the life of Jesus Christ, and yet, we insist on doing this changemaking work alone.

We say that's because no one else came to do the work, but did we bother to invite them? No, we didn't. Maybe we were too afraid to ask. Maybe we were afraid they would say, 'No.'

We don't like the feeling of rejection.

Or maybe we wanted things done our way, and we didn't want someone else to mess it up.

We do like the feeling of control.

But in all of this, we forget that the work of changemaking is not about us.

It is God's work. It is important work that must continue beyond us, and after us.

All: Forgive us.

Forgive us for making your work small.

Forgive us for our weakness and timidity.

Send us your spirit again, and free us from our fear and complacency. Embolden us.

**Make us unafraid of change,
and undeterred in our work of changemaking. Amen.**

Assurance and Peace

Hear this assurance of Good News: the scriptures remind us that the "Spirit is poured out on all people." We can trust that when we work together, we will see and recognize this Spirit in others. This is the best part about being a Changemaker—the power of the community can rise up to heights we never imagined on our own. We have more than we need.

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

As forgiven and freed people through Christ,
let us pass the peace of Christ with one another.

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

***Hymn #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

All Sing:

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Teach us what our praise should be.**

**You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,**

**Ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit Father, Mother
All who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
By that love our joy renew.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
Reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, march we forward,
Faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward
In the triumph song of life.**

Please be seated.

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 (Words are on the video too!)

**We can be a changemaker,
change the world.
Make a better place for everyone!
Changemaker!
Just one small change
can make a difference every day
make a difference every day!**

Be A Changemaker AI Start

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!

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Holy One, help us to hear what you are doing in the Gospel.
Help us to hear the ways that you are empowering us,**

**and in this story, help us to learn how to empower others.
In every way, make us more like Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Mark 6:30-44 (The Voice)

Now the twelve returned from their travels and told Him what they had done, *whom they had seen*, and how they had spread the news of God's kingdom.

Jesus (*to the disciples*): Let us go out into the wilderness for a while and rest ourselves.

The crowds gathered as always, and Jesus and the twelve couldn't eat because so many people came and went. They could get no peace until they boarded a boat and sailed toward a deserted place.

But the people would not be put off so easily. Those along the shore who recognized Jesus followed along the coast. People pushed out of all the cities and gathered ahead of Him so that when Jesus came ashore and saw this crowd of people waiting for Him in a place that should have been relatively deserted, He was moved with compassion. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

He began to teach them many things as the day passed; at last the disciples came to Jesus.

Disciples: It is getting late, and there is nothing around for miles. Send these people to the surrounding villages so they can buy something to eat.

Jesus: Why don't you give them something to eat?

Disciples (*looking at Him*): What? It would cost a fortune to buy bread for these people!

Jesus: Does anyone have any bread? Go and see.

Disciples (*returning from the crowd*): There are five pieces of flatbread and two fish, *if that makes any difference.*

Jesus: *Listen*, tell them to gather in smaller groups and sit on that green patch of grass.

And so the disciples gathered the people in groups of 100 or of 50, and they sat down.

Jesus took the five pieces of *flatbread* and the two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for the food, and broke it. He gave the pieces to the disciples to distribute, and all of the people ate until no one was hungry. Then they gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers.

That day, 5,000 people ate their fill of the bread when Jesus fed the hungry crowd.

Message With Music

Message Through Story and Music

Pastor Kayli

Music Offering

Festival Choir: **Students of the Gerry Music Studio and Union**

UCC Choir Together Anthony Kouri Williams & Katie Houts
"There's room on every mountaintop for you and me."

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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. David Schwoebel

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The Servant Song Bob Gillman/arr. Tom Fettke

Pastor Kayli

Prayers of the People —>

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.**

Song

Let Us Be Makers (verse 1)
[Sung to the tune of Blessed Assurance]

**ALL: Let us be makers, makers of change,
born of our passions, with limitless range.
We pray for guidance, we seek your grace;
be with us now, God, in this holy place.**

All Saints Day

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THEIR ETERNAL REST SINCE OCTOBER 31st, 2024

Today we remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals.

We name them and give thanks for them:

**Brian Rex
Keith Grim
Maureen Bennicoff
Rhona Mieski
Richard Bingell
Carolyn George
Jean Wieand
Diane Solt
Gloria Ringer
Janice Herzog
Ronald Simock**

**Beth Cherry
Sylvia Kern
George Lawrence
Robert Yurick
Charlotte Bauer
David Mulcahy Sr.
Connie Renner
Gladys Kuhns
Matthew Selig
Richard Remaley
Marjorie Hoffman**

Video Memorial Tribute

A candle has been lit for you. Please take your candle home to remember that you are not alone in your loss.

A Moment of Silence We pause to remember others in our lives who have passed this year, as well as those who have passed in other years who we still mourn and celebrate.

Funds of Lasting Gifts and Memorial Fund We pause to give thanks for those individuals and families that have given these funds in order to remember their loved one and support the mission and ministry of God's church here.

Chimes Played

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

Dreaming God's Dream
Moment from our Financial Leadership Team
Don Penrod

Ambassadors (everyone!): Share our news, events, and spirit on social media and with your friends, family, and neighbors. That's what keeps us relevant, engaged, and growing!

Watch for Union UCC merchandise soon!



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Relevant • Engaged • Growing



OFFERING

Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

Thank you for all the ways that you help us make God's dream a reality at Union UCC.

ELECTRONIC GIVING <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home> or QR code. Single or ongoing donation with credit/debit card. Help 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 Sunday's offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks).

Please reach out to Don Penrod or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts to Union.



Electronic Giving



Vanco Mobile



Venmo

Music Offering: Thank You, Lord
Dan Burgess
Blake Hoppes, piano

Please stand in body or spirit.

* Offering Response

Let Us Be Makers (verse 2)

[Sung to the tune of Blessed Assurance]

**Let us be makers, makers of change,
compassion and courage for each new exchange.
As we discern, God, our offerings now,
gift us and bless us, show us just how.**

Changemaker Blessing

Rev. Kathi McShane Co-founder of The Changemaker Initiative

May God bless you, keep you, be gracious unto you.
May God give you grace never to sell yourself—or
God—short.

Grace to risk something big for something good.

Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous
for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
So may God take your mind and think through it.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and do good with them.
May God take your heart and set it on fire.

***Hymm #592** God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

All Sing:

**God of the ages, who with sure command
Brought forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
With steadfast care be ever our defense;
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
With bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,
And we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.**

Postlude Music: The Potter's Hand Darlene Zschech
Blake Hoppes, piano

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$12,945.00
<i>Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-September)</i>	\$ 274,871.00
<i>Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-September)</i>	\$ 288,842.00
Change from Last Year	-4.8%
Budget FY 2025-2026 (<i>July-September</i>)	\$ 86,050.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (<i>July-September</i>)	\$88,094.31
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	2.4%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	42
10:30 AM	82
Online Views	-
Sunday School	5
God First	20
Faith on Tap	38
Breathe	6

2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	225 lbs \$80
YTD	4,300 Lbs \$1,335.00

Neighbors in Need: \$630.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

Contact the Church Office to Sign Up for 2026 dates!

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 Sarah to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.