



November 23rd, 2025
Thanksgiving Sunday
Confirmation Class Leads Worship
Baptism 10:30

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.***

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

Lay Readers: 8 am– Carol Pope 10:30 am– Confirmation Class
Ushers: 8 am– Cliff & Carol James, Michael & Daniel Haftl
10:30 am– Eric Minnich, Gene Thrash, Jason Klinger, Marlene Blose,
Dale Blose, Kim Pentland, Andy Dyszel
Greeters: Andy & Jan Dyszel, Margie & Malcom MacKenzie
Sound: Dawn Dengler

Prelude Music

Give Thanks, Now Thank We All Our God
Henry Smith, Arr. Joel Raney
Blake Hoppes, piano

Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements

We often share parts of worship responsively.

Phrases in Bold = All Read

Phrases NOT in bold = Leader

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 136

Leader: O Give thanks to the God of Gods

ALL: For Gods steadfast love endures forever

Leader: O give thanks to God who alone does great wonders,
who made the great lights

ALL: For Gods steadfast love endures forever

Leader: O give thanks to God who made water flow from rock,
who always remembers us

ALL: For Gods steadfast love endures forever

Leader: O give thanks to God

ALL: For Gods steadfast love endures forever

Prayer

Based on Psalm 107

Leader: Loving and faithful God,
we come today to give You thanks and praise.

You are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever.

You hear us when we cry out,

You calm our storms, and You lead us to safe places.

As we gather in Your presence,

fill our hearts with gratitude and our voices with joy.

May our worship honor You and remind us of Your unfailing love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Song

Spirit, Fill Me Parmeter Dyer
Sing! Prayer and Praise #4

Spirit come, and fill me,
Fill me with your peace,
Fill me with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show me,
Show me how to care,
Show me how to share your light.

Greeting

Peace be with you!
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 #173 You Have Come down to the Lakeshore**
New Century Hymnal

**You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy
But only asking for me to follow**

**Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas**

**You know full well my possessions
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest
Just these my fishnets and will for working**

**Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas**

**You need my hands, my exhaustion
Working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving**

**Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas**

**You who have fished other waters
You, the longing of souls that are yearning
As loving friend, you have come to call me**

**Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas**

Please be seated.

8:00 Music Offering: In Gratitude We Come
J. Paul Williams & David Lantz III
Heritage Choir

10:30 Music Offering: Thankful
Bradley Skistimas
Kids Choir

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.

Song; Go, Make a Diffe'rence Angrisan/Tomaszek
Sing! Prayer and Praise #199

**Go make a difference.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.**

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

Anthony Torres, child of Ava Deemer and Albert Torres
Sponsor: Jadah Trimmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll and Walker #613 With One Voice



Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 6: 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign

are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love Scholtes
Gold Hymnal #677

**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.**

Message

Thanksgiving 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

How Great Thou Art Hine
Gold Hymnal #2 Hymns for the Family of God

CHORUS

**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!**

Celebrating and Blessing Our Members and Disciples of 1-19 Years

Video: Abby Kern

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

Dreaming God's Dream
Moment from our Financial Leadership Team : Marianne Kitzmiller

Invitation to the Offering

Friends, Psalm 107 reminds us to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." When God's people cried out in their need, the Lord heard them and delivered them. Out of gratitude for God's faithfulness, we now bring our gifts—our offerings of thanksgiving—to the One who satisfies the hungry and fills the thirsty with good things.

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



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Music Offering: Hold On To Me
Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan & Paul Mabury
Sue Glosan, vocals with Blake Hoppes, piano

*** Offering Response**

A Thousand Amens Tim Timmons

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**Unfailing love comes with the morning
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night
It's Your kindness Lord that leads to our healing
All glory to our maker and a thousand amens.**

Dedication to God of our Generosity

**Generous God, thank You for Your never-ending love and
faithfulness. You hear us when we cry out and fill our lives with
good things. Out of gratitude, we bring these gifts to You. Use
them—and use us—to share Your love and bring hope to
others. Amen.**

Benediction

Go now with hearts full of gratitude.
Remember God's goodness in every season
and give thanks in all things.
May the peace of Christ guard your hearts,
the love of God surround you,
and the joy of the Spirit fill you each day.
Go in thankfulness and go in peace. Amen.

***Hymm** Dream God's Dream Sirchio

CHORUS

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

I'm dreaming of a world where the color of one's skin
Will mean less than what's within the person's heart
A world where water's clean, and where air is safe to
breathe
And every child born has enough to eat.
(Chorus)

I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me
How to use my energy and my best gifts
To do the work of Christ -- to say, God please use my life
To spread Your healing love -- and to live your Truth

(Chorus)

I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go
I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet
I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars
Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all...

(Chorus)

Postlude Music: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
André E. M. Grétry, William Kirkpatrick
Blake Hoppes, piano

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,007.00
<i>Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-October)</i>	\$300,763.00
<i>Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-October)</i>	\$320,290.00
Change from Last Year	-6.1%
Budget FY 2025-2026 (<i>July-October</i>)	\$ 118,500.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (<i>July-October</i>)	\$113,985.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-3.8%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	42
10:30 AM	112
Online Views	-
Sunday School	8
God First	30
Faith on Tap	38
Breathe	8

2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	1,000 lbs \$125
YTD	5,415 Lbs \$1,460.00

Christmas Mission: \$525.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

**In Memory of Our Parents
by Valerie & George Borman**

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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.