



**February 15th, 2026  
Communion**

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](https://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– Rosalie Snyder; 10:30 am– Dan Topp

**Greeters**

Dale & Maria Brace, Margie & Malcom MacKenzie

**Ushers**

8 am- Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross, Debbie Romig  
10:30 am- Donna Christman, Gloria Toner, Deb Wenner, Doug Brace,  
Marianne Kitzmiller, Brian Horwith, Maryann Puia

**Sound**

Mike Baer

**February 15, 2026**

**Communion**

**Prelude Music**

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

**Blake Hoppes**

**Welcome to Union UCC!**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.**

**Here, you will be served in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink until the Pastor invites you to do so.**

**A non-gluten option with juice is available in a prepackaged container on the bread tray. Both red wine and white grape juice are on the tray of cups. Please choose either.**

**AT HOME: Please find something to eat and drink that represents communion for you so that you can share in Communion.**

**We often share parts of worship responsively.**

**Phrases in Bold = All Read**

**Phrases NOT in bold = Leader**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God,  
called up the mountain to meet the Holy.

**ALL: We come with awe and wonder,  
ready to glimpse God's glory.**

Leader: Jesus is revealed in radiant light,  
and God's voice breaks through the clouds.

**ALL: We listen for the still-speaking God,  
trusting that Christ is among us.**

Leader: The vision is dazzling,  
the moment holy, the call unmistakable: *Listen to him.*

**ALL: We listen with open hearts,  
seeking transformation and truth.**

Leader: When the mountain moment fades  
and we are sent back into the world,

**ALL: We follow Jesus—  
changed, courageous, and unafraid.**

Leader: Come, worship the God  
whose glory cannot be contained.

**ALL: We worship the God  
who meets us here and sends us out.  
Amen.**

### **PRAYER**

**ALL: God of glory and grace,  
we confess that we often turn away  
from your shining presence.  
We cling to what is familiar,  
resist the call to listen,  
and hesitate to follow Jesus  
beyond the mountaintop.**

**Yet hear the good news:  
God's mercy is greater than our fear.  
In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed,  
and called again to rise and follow.  
The light of God's love still shines—  
transforming us and sending us forth.  
Amen.**

### **Response**

Sending You Light    Melanie DeMore

**All Sung:  
I am sending you light to heal you,  
To hold you.  
I am sending you light  
To hold you in love.**

**I am sending you light to heal you,  
To hold you.  
I am sending you light  
To hold you in love.**

### **Greeting**

Peace be with you!  
**And also 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 #448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be**  
(New Century Hymnal, black)

**Take my life, God let it be  
Consecrated faithfully  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my spirit, let it move  
At the impulse of your love  
Take my intellect and use  
All its powers as you choose**

**Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one  
Take my heart, and by your grace  
Make of it your dwelling place**

**Take my love and help it grow;  
Let my loving overflow  
Take me now, and help me be  
Part of Christ's community**

**Please be seated.**

**Music Offering, 8 am**

**My Lord, What A Morning**      Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Jay Althouse  
**Heritage Choir**

**10:30 Children's Time**

**SONG:** This Little Light of Mine– call forward and leave

**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.**

**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.

**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!**

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## **Scripture Response**

#584 I am the Light of the World  
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**All Sing:**

**I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!  
If you follow and love  
You'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**Message**

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.**

**Prayer Response**  
Into the Night Dave Ray

**Tell me what is pure and undefiled  
Which is the greatest of our Lord's commands.  
But to love our God with heart and mind  
And to love our neighbor hand in hand.**

**Chorus**  
**For the widow and the orphan, for the broken and contrite,  
To the shadows there has come a Light, and I will carry it into the  
night.**

**Tell me, what will show the world our faith?  
What will demonstrate the Father's love/  
His to guide; we must in turn obey  
That our lives below may point above.**  
**Chorus**

**Tell me, who will do what he has heard?  
Who will follow as our Savior leads?  
We must love each other not with words,**

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

**Offering**



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reality at Union UCC.**

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**or QR code.** Single or ongoing donation with credit/debit card.  
Help with fees if you can.

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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.

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**Dreaming God's Dream Moment** Lorie Hackett

**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**

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**Music Offering:** Grace Adapted from John Newton, Arr. Mark Hayes  
Joseph M. Scriven, Charles C. Converse  
**Jillian Krempasky, Vocals; Blake Hoppes, Piano**

**Please stand in body or spirit.**

**\* Offering Response**

**ALL Sung:**

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing**

**Holy Communion**

**Holy Communion Directions**

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**Invitation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Creating God.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit fashioned, fired, and freed him  
for preaching good news to the poor,  
proclaiming release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
setting at liberty those who are oppressed,  
announcing that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

Leader: Send your Spirit now upon this bread and this cup.

As they are set apart for this holy meal,  
may they become for us signs of Christ's living presence-  
his life given for the world, his light shining in our darkness.

As we eat and drink, transform us by your grace.

Renew us with courage to follow Christ from the brightness of  
the mountain into the everyday places of the world, bearing your  
light, your justice, and your love.

Gather us as one body— many voices, many journeys- made one  
in Christ, until your glory is revealed in all creation.

### **BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

L: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.



## **SHARING THE MEAL**

### **THE BREAD**

L: Take and eat, the body of Christ, broken for you.

**HYMN #330 Let Us Break Bread Together** (New Century Hymnal, black)

**Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
My God have mercy on me**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
My God have mercy on me**

**Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
My God have mercy on me.**

### **THE CUP**

L: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

**HYMN #677 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**  
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**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  
They will know we are Christians by our love**

**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 one's dignity and save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love**

**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  
They will know we are Christians by our love**

## **The Blessing**

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep and preserve you unto eternal life.

## **COLLECTING OF CUPS**

**Music Offering:** Ave Maria Franz Schubert  
**Jillian Krempasky, Vocals; Blake Hoppes, Piano**

### **Benediction**

Leader: Go now, having glimpsed the glory of God.  
Listen for Christ's voice beyond this place.  
Do not cling to the mountaintop,  
but follow Jesus into the world-  
changed by light,  
strengthened by love,  
and sent to shine with hope and justice.

And may the grace of Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit  
go with you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### **\*Closing Hymn**

#123 Draw the Circle Wide  
Sing! Prayer and Praise

#### **Chorus:**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.  
Chorus**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.  
Chorus**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**  
**Chorus**

**Postlude:** Have Thine Own Way, Lord      George C. Stebbins  
**Blake Hoppes, Piano**

## EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week	\$9,300.89	8 AM	28
Calendar Year 2026 (Jan)	\$25,139.32	10:30 AM	96
Calendar Year 2025 (Jan)	\$31,482.00	Sunday School	-
Change from Last Year	-20.1%	God First	-
Budget FY 2025-2026 (July-Jan)	\$261,240.00	Faith on Tap	40
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-Jan)	\$253,989.00	Breathe	-
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-2.8%	2026 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		Last Week	\$100, 150 Lbs
		YTD	\$200, 750 Lbs,
		Blanket Sunday	\$1,725.00
		Souper Bowl Sunday	\$266.00

### Presentations to the Glory of God

**Karen Nuschke**

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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.