



... DO NOT LET WISDOM
AND UNDERSTANDING
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
PRESERVE SOUND
JUDGMENT AND
DISCRETION; THEY
WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU ...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV

**Hearts Overflowing
Youth Sunday: Y[OUR] STORY
Graduate Recognition
Pentecost**

Sunday, May 31, 2020 10:30 online worship



GUESTS, Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs

If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, pastorkris@unionucc.org

Our next new member information session will be held on September 13 and 20 You will be welcomed as members in worship on Sunday, September 27. If you are interested in attending classes for new members let us know and we'd be glad to send you more information. Please contact Pastor Kris with any questions.

We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God's inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.

Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and on faith's journey

ALL: you are welcome here.

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PRELUDE

Stairway To Heaven
Cameron Kuntz, guitar

Led Zeppelin



WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE OPENING HYMN

BLACK HYMNAL #417 This Is The Day of New Beginnings

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings our God is making all things new.

CALL TO WORSHIP Naomi Henninger

🕒 The day of Pentecost has come! We have been spending time together each week being reminded that "love is our religion" and that our hearts have the Spirit of Christ within, helping us, guiding us, giving us strength and courage and overflowing gratitude for each other. All of this was inspired by the early Christian community, one that was often under difficult circumstances but continued to support each other along the way:

*"Day by day, as they **spent much time together** in the temple, they **broke bread at home** and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **praising God** and **having the goodwill** of all the people." (Acts 2: 46-47a)*

We create a "temple" of worship in our hearts that connects us across boundaries, distance and time. But as we share this worship, we will stay connected. At the "heart of the matter," we are connected through the Spirit that makes us one in love

A Prayer Katie Solt

🕒 We are going to center our hearts as one to begin. Let's take a deep breath together. I invite you to place your hand on your heart and let's lightly tap together in a slow heartbeat rhythm

Holy Living God,
Heartbeat of Creation,
help us to take this time to center on you,
for you made us,
you gave us life,
and you continue to be with us

every moment...
every breath...
every step.

Hear this assurance from God:
Be still, O heart, you're not alone,
your beat is shared with me.
Come now, and calm, and center here,
you're mine, secure and free.

Let's take another deep breath, making sure our shoulders
and any tension we feel in our bodies is letting go with the
breath.
Let's take another one.

Let us pick up our heart stone, sometimes called a "worry
stone,"
and let our touch on its surface remind us that God's touch
is
within us, between us, and around us.
As close and real as this object is in our hands right now,
is how close Love is to us always.
Let us imagine letting go of our worries for now into God's
heart of love.
We offer a prayer song of letting go:

Into your care, we offer now,
our worries, fears and strife.
We turn to you and know you're near—
Your light, our love and life.

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine
Jacob Roth, vocals

SCRIPTURE Andy and Gareth Hill

L We return to a scripture that describes a time, before
Jesus' crucifixion, when he had traveled to the temple in
Jerusalem for the Jewish Festival of Booths. This was a

very important time of celebrating the harvest and also remembering the Israelite's journey out of Egypt and their dependence on God to provide sustenance. As our scripture says, Jesus pronounced that another Holy Sustainer would come—the Spirit that would flow from from him, from God, and then from within us.

R On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted,

“All who are thirsty should come to me!

All who believe in me should drink!

As the scriptures said concerning me,

Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.”

Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn't experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been glorified. - John 7:37-39

L And so the Spirit did come after Jesus had left this earthly home. The Spirit, as in the previous reading is sometimes symbolized in flowing water and sometimes as wind and fire! *[if you have kids who have streamers: So get ready with your tongues of fire and keep it going through this whole reading (and sound effects are good too!)]*

R When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying,

“Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.*

*Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

*I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens
above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

*The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,*

before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. - Acts 2:1-21

L Throughout this season, we have proclaimed that love is that which binds us (the root of “religion”) to God, to Jesus, to each other. Love IS our religion. On the day of Pentecost, the church received the power of the Holy Spirit to let this message flow out *from* all, *to* all. The power of this message is ever-so important to offer to the world today. The Spirit is poured out on each one of us so let us be a community of messengers letting living compassion flow from our hearts.

Message:

Y[our] Story: Senior Sermons Youth Group High School Seniors

Rachael Bath	Parkland High School Senior
Jacob Roth	Parkland High School Senior
Dylan Kuntz	Northern Lehigh High School Senior
Abby Hill	Parkland High School Senior

Musical Offering

How Does a Moment Last Forever Alan Menken
Payge Haydt, viola

Madison Milander	Parkland High School Senior
Katie Mericle	Parkland High School Senior
Gabe Horvath	Parkland High School Senior
Chris Bath	Parkland High School Senior

“Worry Stone” or “Heart Stone” Invitation

L In the account of the resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, after the stone is rolled away from the tomb, the angel sits on the stone and gives the women this message, “Don’t be afraid.” Throughout the Season of Easter, we invite you to use a “worry stone,” which is a stone you carry about with you to rub when you are feeling anxious or worried. We encourage you to find a stone and paint or draw a heart on

it. It will remind you of this angel's message which Jesus then repeats, "Do not be afraid."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER Mitchell Roth

**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.**

SIGNS OF LOVE

Thank you to everyone who shared your love with us during this Easter Season. Being able to see all of your faces and say prayers for you has been quite the blessing. Keep showing your love to all around you.

GOLD HYMNAL #677 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love St. Brendan's/Peter Scholtes

- 1. 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 will one day be restored.
CHORUS: And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
- 2. 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.**

CHORUS

- 3. 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.

CHORUS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

MUSIC OFFERING

Salt and Light Lauren Daigle, Leslie Jordan, and Paul Mabury
Abby Hill, vocals

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CLOSING OUT THE EASTER SEASON SERIES Amanda Lane

① Friends, today we made it to Pentecost, a time when we celebrate the Spirit of Christ in the church as the presence of Jesus' work ongoing in the world. Through this Easter Season, we heard more about Jesus' message of what is truly the "heart of the matter" in our lives. We broke open the Word of God and broke open our lives with each other. Our work is not over yet. What message do you think the

world needs? We hope you can find ways to let more and more people know the message of Christ, "You are not alone. I am here. You have the fire of my love in your heart forever!". We invite you to invite your friends, families, neighbors, everyone you may be missing through physical distance to join us on Sunday mornings. We'll be gathering online as we have been, you can find us on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30am. Or watch any time after that during the week.

Benediction Leah Horvath

(based on Psalm 16)

- L** As we close this time together, remember:
God is always with you. No matter what you face,
no matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God is right beside you, raising your very life from death,
guiding and directing your path.
So, acknowledge your fear and your worry
and know it is as true and holy as any feeling,
including joy and hope and love.
Take heart, my friends! This is the heart of the matter.
Let the people say, Amen!

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven John Goss
Jacob Roth, organ
Mitchell Roth, trumpet

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