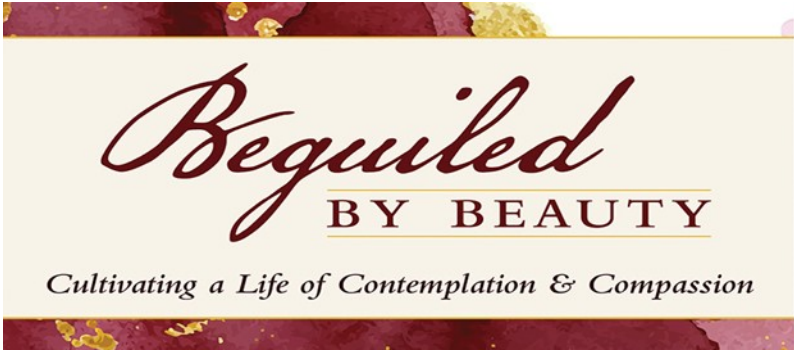




**Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:30 online worship**  
**We Are Made for the Beloved**  
**Semi-Annual Meeting**



**GUESTS,** Welcome to worship. 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](http://www.facebook.com/unionneffs)

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ      William H. Doane

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**L** No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey  
and faith's journey

**C** You are welcome here.

## WE GATHER

## THRESHOLD MOMENT

## PRAYER

Divine Goodness, Holy One,  
Pause us for this moment,  
bear us up in this time,  
hold us for eternity.  
We open to your warming presence.  
We remember we came from you.  
We affirm all beings are your beloveds.  
And all the people say, "**Amen.**"

## Hymn

BLACK HYMNAL #28 For the Beauty of the Earth

**1. For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars  
of light,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3. For the good that love inspires, for a world where none  
exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed.  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

## WE PROCLAIM

### SEARCHING FOR BEAUTY: A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MRS. BONSELL

#### LECTIO DEVINA

📖 Last week we began our series and were introduced to “lectio divina,” an ancient practice of savoring our sacred texts with greater intention. To savor is to “save the taste” in our memory—to take something in and allow it to linger. Today we create pauses in our short scripture reading in order to meditate on the flavor of the Psalmist’s poetry so it becomes a mantra that can visit us in our memories when we need to heal the wounds of forgetfulness.

#### ***Psalm 16: 7-11 (Inclusive Bible)***

*I praise YHWH, who guides me;  
even at night my heart teaches me.  
I’m always aware of your presence;  
you are right by my side,  
and nothing can shake me.  
My heart is happy and my tongue sings for joy;  
I feel completely safe with you,  
because you won’t abandon me to the Grave;  
you won’t let your loved one see decay.  
You show me the path to Life;  
your presence fills me with joy.  
[Beautiful things are always in your right hand.] (a)*

*Ref: CEB*

#### **SERMO DIVINA (Message) Pastor Kris**

#### **VISIO DIVINA**

#### **WE RESPOND**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Look Around”

Pastor Kris, vocalist

*Original song for the series by Marsha Jean Moors-Charles,  
arr. Caleb Collins*

**L**Our prayers in this series will invite us to an open-eyed experience of “looking around.” I invite you to look around and find something to focus on. It may be a detail that you rarely see, or something that you see frequently but you can see it more deeply. Or you may let your gaze wander during prayers as a way of giving thanks for these surroundings. “Looking around”—whether we do that with our eyes or other senses—is how we notice the beauty in the world and in the people we encounter, but also how we notice the suffering and are called to intercede in prayer for the healing of all.

### ***Music:***

**Verse 1: When you're tired and feel you can't  
get through**

**Uncertainty comes over you**

**Just Look Around**

**When your problems seem too much to bear**

**Unsure if there's someone who cares**

**Just Look Around**

**Whether stranger, neighbor, family, or a friend**

**On each other in tough times we can depend**

**Chorus: Look Around – kindness, love is ours  
to share**

**We can see it everywhere**

**Though it might seem like forever**

**Look Around—for even in the darkest night**

**Things are gonna be alright**

**We'll get through this together**

**Just Look Around!**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.**

### ***Music:***

**Verse 2: Sometimes it can be hard to see**

**Life is full of possibilities**

**So Look Around**

**Each new day is such a gift**

**Embrace it and the life you live**

**And Look Around**

**Outstretched arms and many helping hands**

**Don't give up on all your dreams and all your plans**

**Chorus: Look Around – kindness, love is ours to  
share**

**We can see it everywhere**

**Though it might seem like forever**

**Look Around—for even in our darkest night**

**Things are gonna be alright**

**We'll get through this together**

**Just Look Around! Look Around!**

**Just Look Around.**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**L** As the song says, “we’ll get through this together”...  
“with outstretched arms and many helping hands.”

This is one way to remember that God is with us—to be with  
and for others—being Christ’s hands and feet in the world.

## **MUSIC OFFERING**

Come Thou Almighty King

Felice de Giardini

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## **BEAUTIFUL SIGNS OF LOVE**

Please continue to send us pictures of you and your friends or family with their hands in the heart position. We'd like to show them each week so that we can see each other, give thanks for each other, and pray for each other.

## **BENEDICTION**

🕒 With each week's message, we will find a way to integrate contemplative practices into our daily lives as a way of opening to the Divine in deeper ways, thereby training our spirits for compassion in all things. This week's ritual action is a time of feeling warmed by God's love. Set a reminder to spend some time "warmed" by sitting/walking in the sun or sitting/lying while wrapped and cradled in a soft blanket. As you do so, allow your mind to slow, your heart to open, your eyes to drink in your surroundings. You may want to put a note nearby, "Your very essence is warmed by the presence of divine love. Be reminded to offer that warmth to others... for the beauty of the earth."

The world is so varied and beautiful.  
Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found.\*

And may the goodness of the Creator,  
the companionship of the Christ,  
and the insight of the Spirit,  
infuse your life now and always.  
Amen.

## **BENEDICTION SONG REPRISE**

**God of all to you, we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise!**

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, Pa  
Aften Hamm, Consistory President presiding

Please log in or call in to our zoom meeting. There is a waiting room, please be patient until someone lets you into the meeting.

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## **WE GO FORTH**

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