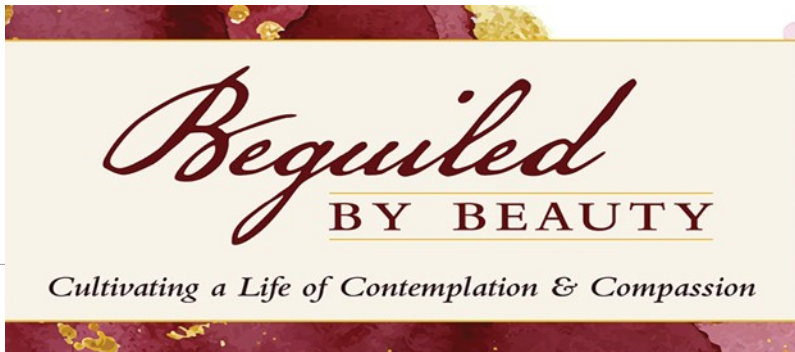




Happy Father's
Day!

Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:30 online worship
Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World
We Are Made for the Beloved
Father's Day



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

Praise Him! Praise Him

Tune: Joyful Song, Chester G. Allen

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 #433 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in a see, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will so be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn for every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WE PROCLAIM

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

LECTIO DEVINA

① Our “lectio divina”—the ancient practice of contemplating sacred text—is from Psalm 147 today. Imagine that these words are directed at the exiles who find themselves in need of an encouraging word. In this Psalm, the Divine One, Yahweh, is the source of restoration, of binding wounds, of bringing sustenance and life to all living things, especially those who are suffering. There are many ways to feel “exiled” from familiar and beloved places and people. May you drink in these hopeful words, knowing that, like the stars, Divine Goodness knows each of our names.

Psalm 147:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

*How good it is to praise our God!
[It is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!] (a)*

*YHWH rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers Israel's exiles.
God heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
God knows the number of the stars
and calls each one by name.
Great is YHWH, and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.
YHWH lifts up the oppressed,
and casts the corrupt to the ground.
Sing to our God with thanksgiving;
sing praise with the harp to our God—
who covers the heavens with clouds,
who provides rain for the earth,
who makes grass sprout on the mountains*

*and herbs for the service of the people,
who gives food to the cattle,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
God does not thrill to the strength of the horse,
or revel in the fleetness of humans.
YHWH delights in those who worship with reverence
and put their hope in divine love.*

(a) Ref: CEB

SERMO DIVINA (Message) Pastor Kayli VISIO DIVINA

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Look Around”

Jacob Roth, vocalist

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

LIn our prayers this week, I invite you to find some aspect of nature within eyesight or touch to focus on. What imperfections do you sense up close? Notice how it is no less beautiful for its imperfections. Let us pray today for those that need lifting up and reminded that their brokenness is tended by divine love.

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

Don't lose faith,
Keep hope alive
Cause together we'll get to the other side
When you feel weak, I'll be strong
And remind you that you're never alone

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.” Our offerings are part of the way we can bind up the broken and affirm the worth of all.

MUSIC OFFERING

O Stor Gud (How Great Thou Art) Swedish Folk Melody, Arr.
Jerry Ray
Garet Hill , piano

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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

LWith 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!**

WE GO FORTH

POSTLUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Richard Starr

Tune: Resignation,

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