

# Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:30 Online Worship/ Worship in the Grove: Communion

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3. Share your offerings.

**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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**Sound:** Mike Baer and Patrick Sorg

## **PRELUDE**

Jacob Roth

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*Hymn**

**BLACK HYMNAL #423** Great Is Your Faithfulness

*The current recommendation for congregational singing is that it should happen only if people are wearing masks. Please keep your mask on for all singing and throughout worship.*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning we see;  
You do not change, your compassions, they fail not  
All of your goodness forever will be.

### **CHORUS**

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided—  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### **CHORUS**

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided—  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L** Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life, Source of Hope, Present in all our questions, Hidden in every "Why?";

(Deep breath.)

① Holy, Holy God, Walking through every valley, Wiping away every tear, Blessing each precious memory, Letting pass each cry of anger, Working for a new day and a renewed song;

(Deep breath.)

① Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life, our Source of Hope and Peace. We are here with you in this place and we give you thanks.

(Deep breath.)

## **PRAYER**

① Loving Creator, we gather to take in your mercy. May what comes out of our lives be filled with your grace. As we take in the beauty of music, the wisdom of words, the nourishment of silence, and the strength of fellowship, may the thoughts and actions that emerge from our lives be inspired by your creativity and grounded in your truth. Help us to recognize ourselves as part of your creation, and to affirm that you do not hold us away in anger and judgment but draw us near in forgiveness and joy. As we approach you in worship today, recognize us as your beloved family. Help us to feel the embrace of your rejoicing heart upon our return to you today. And assure us of your unending forgiveness and love, we pray. Amen.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP- CHILDREN'S TIME Tina and Mollie Jarrett**

**Or Watch for Mrs. Bonsell on Facebook and our YouTube Channel During the Week**

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 45: 1-15**

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away

from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**MESSAGE** Did I Ever Tell You About the Hole in My Head?  
Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

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

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**Outside Worship Offering** – we will not be collecting your offerings during the service. Please plan to share them at the welcome table as you arrive or as you leave worship. Thank you for being the church with us!

## **MUSIC OFFERING**

Jacob Roth

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## \*BLESSING

**D** In our regular schedule, this Sunday would have been a healing service where we offer you a time to come forward and pray with a pastor. Typically those wishing to pray with a pastor come to the railing and share their joys or concerns. The pastors then offer a private prayer and anoint hands or foreheads with oil symbolizing a blessing of peace from God. I'm so sorry we can't do this right now, at a time when we need it the most. I thought for our closing blessing we could still bless and anoint each other. Could you raise your hands with me while I pray as a way to pray over each other? Let's pray: God of love and light, you know our heartaches and sufferings, you know our joys and sorrows, hold our hearts and take our hands. Pour out your spirit on us and fill us with your courage, strength, wisdom, grace and peace. May your healing presence fill us so that we might be a healing presence in the world, we pray. Amen.

## \*HYMN

GOLD HYMNAL #87 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
***The current recommendation for congregational singing is that it should happen only if people are wearing masks. Please keep your mask on for all singing and throughout worship.***

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**2. What have I to dread, what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**Leaning, leaning**  
**Safe and secure from all alarms**  
**Leaning, leaning**  
**Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**POSTLUDE**

Jacob Roth