

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

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- 1. Sign In – we will verify your name and phone number.**
- 2. Get a bulletin of the service or you can view it on your phone at :**



- 3. Share your offerings.**

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

NEW MEMBERS: Our next new member information session will be held on **September 13 and 20** at 9:15-10am. These will be virtual meetins on Zoom where you can log in online or call in by phone. Please contact Pastor Kris or Marissa in the office if you'd like to join us. You only need to attend 1 of the 2 sessions. Pastor Kris is also glad to schedule a phone call or zoom session individually with you to get to know you and answer your questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on **Sunday, September 27.**

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

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Ushers: Teri Fekula, Jason Klinger, Donna Christman, Phil Wehr
Sound: Mike Baer and Patrick Sorg

PRELUDE

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
William Kirkpatrick

André E. M. Grétry,

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.

HYMN

BLACK HYMNAL # 404 Give Up Your Anxious Pains

1. Give up your anxious pains, confusion and remorse
To God, who set and still maintains creation's complex course.
God leads what may appear chaotic, random, wild:
So God has planned and will make clear a path for you, dear child.

2. All things conform to please the faithful when they pray.
So fall upon your trusting knees and all together say:
"O faithful God of grace who rules the raging storm,
Enlighten our poor mortal race; your promised works perform

3. "Don't let us be dismayed by grievous social wrong;
Responsive, active, unafraid, may we be brave and strong.
Extend your loving care through all our live-long days;
And when we die, bring us to where bright angels sing your praise."

CALL TO WORSHIP

L No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

C Your steadfast love finds us.

L No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

C Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

L No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

C Your steadfast presence gives us hope.

L No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

☉ You hear our cries and answer our prayers.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

—*Erik Alsgaard, inspired by Psalm 36:5-10, Ministry Matters, ministrymatters.com.*

PRAYER

ALL: God, today we simply come in gratitude. We pause to thank you for your provision, your care. We do not take for granted the gift of home and food. We are so grateful for the love of family and community. We are thankful for this beautiful place to gather in your name, for here we are challenged, encouraged and reminded of who you are and what you have done. We have been blessed with the fruit of your Spirit. We are thankful for the love, patience, kindness and gentleness of your Spirit. Continue your transforming work whereby we who have been loved will love; we with whom you have been patient will show patience; we to whom kindness has been shown will be kind; and we with whom you have been gentle will be gentle ourselves with all people. Amen.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP- CHILDREN'S TIME Edie Fella
Or Watch for Mrs. Bonsell on Facebook and our YouTube
Channel During the Week**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-6

- 1** O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
- 3** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4** Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- 5** Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- 6** O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen

Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MESSAGE

Spirit-Led Living

Rev. Patience Stevenson

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.**

The Order for Dedicating to God the Reflection Sitting Area and Gazebo

for use by Union UCC and the community it serves
Eagle Scout Projects of Karl Schmidt Jr. and Nickolaus Schmidt

PASTOR- We gather in this outdoor space hallowed by the many who have enjoyed renewing worship and good music and food under the canopy of towering trees for many years. Thanks to Karl Schmidt Jr and Nickolaus Schmidt, there is now more beauty in the grove. Through they're dedication, hard work and time, we are blessed with a beautiful reflecting area and gazebo. Today we formally receive this gift that will only enhance an already beautiful and special space.

Karl Schmidt Jr. Good morning everyone. My name is Karl Schmidt Jr. and I am currently a Life Scout working towards my Eagle Rank. I just submitted my Eagle application on August 18 so I am very close to being an Eagle Scout. My project was a reflection sitting area where people could sit and relax. It consisted of a 25x35 ft area with a 16ft concrete circle with a walkway. Behind the circle are three boulders and two stone benches. The center rock was a boulder that Mr. Wehr dug up many years ago and saved for us. Then after everything was placed we mulched the surrounding area.

Nickolaus Schmidt: In my brother's reflection sitting area I built a 12-foot octagonal gazebo with four benches and a cupola roof, with the help of my family, Mr. Phil Wehr, and Mr. Wade Wanamaker. It took two long days to build and some adjustments along the way during the build. After it was complete, we finished with black mulch and wood chips around the gazebo. At the end we had all put in a total of 105 hours to plan and construct the gazebo, and mulch around it.

Pastor- For the support and nurture of families and friends, for providing a space for all ages to gather to be reminded of God's presence and enjoy God's natural beauty.

Congregation: We dedicate this reflection sitting area and gazebo and ask God's blessings on it.

Pastor: For the consecration of life and service, in grateful

remembrance of those who have gone before us, and in gratitude for our life together in this church,

Congregation: We dedicate this new beautiful area to the glory of God, to the honor of Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

All: O God of all creation, we give thanks for the calling to be your church and for the power you give us to fulfill our calling. We are a people full of assurance and a future full of hope. Today we dedicated this reflection sitting area and gazebo to you. May the meaning we see in this beautiful addition to this outdoor space remind us of your holy presence always. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

MUSICAL OFFERING

Go Light Your World Chris Rice
Susan Glosan, vocals

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BENEDICTION

1 Let your lives witness to Christ's love.
Let your words bring reconciliation.
Let your thoughts be of peace.
Let your touch bring healing.
Let your actions count for justice.
Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy.
Go and may God's blessing go with you.

HYMN

BLACK HYMNAL #417 This Is A 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, no and 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 a live, 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.

POSTLUDE

Breathe

Marie Barnett