

Sunday, September 20, 2020
10:30 Online Worship/ Worship in the Grove
Harvest Home, Baptism, Confirmation (in Grove)

Thank you for wearing a mask and practicing 6 feet of social distancing.

As you arrive, please visit the welcome tables to:

- 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 new member information session was held on **September 13** at 9:15-10am. This was a virtual meeting 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. 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: Phil Wehr

Sound: Mike Baer, Doug Albert

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Tune: Bunessan

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**

The Summons John L. Bell c. 1987 Iona Community

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true if you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Today the Spirit makes us one,

2 **United for life by the water and the Word.**

1 Reborn in one Spirit,

2 **Reborn in one hope,**

1 Drenched in grace, bathed in love.

2 **One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

1 One God and Father of us all,

All: One who is above all, and through all, and in all.

PRAYER

ALL: Abundant Provider, joyful Creator, you bless us with the gifts from the earth and you spread out goodness enough for all to share. Bend our knees and fill our hearts with gratitude. Open our hands so each may know the abundant providence of our loving God. Touch our lips so that we may praise you and taste the wonder of sun and rain transformed into life-giving food. Abundant Provider, you are gracious to us and bless us. May all people praise you. Amen.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP- CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Names of Children and Parents and Sponsors:

Elene Madlin Boyle—Alexandra (Geiger) Boyle and Christopher Boyle

Sponsors: Thomas and Stephanie Gardiner

Eric Levi Boyle—Alexandra (Geiger) Boyle and Christopher Boyle

Sponsors: Thomas Boyle and Kelsey Halloran

Brynlee Ryan Eisenhard—Jamie Woods and Randy Eisenhard

Sponsors: Ryan Eisenhard and Nicole Tibak

Leo John Kushnir—Andrea (Harring) Kushnir and Daniel Kushnir

Sponsors: Brittany and Daniel Pressmann

Olyvia Ellen Nicole Meckes—Nicole Italiano and Allen Meckes

Sponsors: John and Ashley Varady

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS AND SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

☉ We promise our love, support and care.

ACT OF BAPTISM

GIFTS AND BLESSING

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since

they had no root, they withered away.

7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

MESSAGE

Reap and Sow...what's the point?

Pastor Kayli Freeman

CONFIRMANDS CALLED FORWARD TO AFFIRM THEIR FAITH

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Invitation

Questions

Prayer of the Candidates

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully, all the days of my life. Amen.

Prayer of the Congregation (UNISON)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of you Holy Spirit

Grant them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things.

Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation

Questions about Participation

Welcome (unison)

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.

Greeting of Christian Love

Consistory Officer

Prayer

BENEDICTION

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!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Mike Baer

Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC

OFFERING ENVELOPES you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

ELECTRONIC GIVING This is a great time to try e-giving! Choose a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office. financialmanager@unionucc.org

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card
Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

AMAZON SMILE Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com>.

*BLESSING

① We often bless our backpacks at this time of year. Since this is such a weird September, let's seek God's blessing on everyone and everything.

Respond to each line and when you do, look for a neighbor around you or a friend across the grove, or look at the camera for your church family in live worship or at home online worship and bless them.

We miss handshakes and hugs and greeting each other more closely. Send out the I Love You sign from Sign Language or the peace sign, or make a first bump or air high five, or bow to each other or do a Kung Fu Salute which represents balance and harmony.

① Bless us, O God, as we seek to love you and others with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind.

② **Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)**

① Bless our backpacks, lunch bags, laptops, WiFi, virtual

gatherings, and all the new learning we experience in school, at home, at church, and in life.

☉ Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)

☪ Bless our family and friends, our neighbors and community, our church and schools, our nation, world and our earth.

☉ Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)

☪ Bless our masks and our social distancing that we hope will help us get through this time. Help us to see each other behind the masks, help us to see you behind the masks, help us to see love and kindness behind the masks.

☉ Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)

☪ Bless our thoughts, emotions and spirits during this pandemic. May we know your courage, strength, patience, grace and spirit, we pray.

☉ Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)

☪ Bless us, O God, as we seek to love you and others with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind.

☉ Bless us and all for whom we pray, O God. (with hand motion blessing)

***HYMN**

BLACK HYMNAL #351 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you wander off, and find where demons dwell.

2. When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the

living God, to whom you now belong. Should you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk til rising sun.

3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise

4. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

POSTLUDE

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	N/A
Calendar 2020 (Jan-Aug)	\$238,364
Calendar 2019 (Jan-Aug)	\$247,941
Change from Last Year	-3.9%
Budget (July-Aug)	\$56,360
Actual (July-Aug)	\$54,827
Giving vs. Budget	+2.7%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2020 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	95lbs,
Total YTD:	6,035 lbs, \$2,325

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In honor of Great-grandson Grayson and soon to be Great-granddaughter from Darlene and Dennis Kreitz

Your support is especially important now as we work provide spiritual care and connection for members and the community online through Facebook posts, ads, and online worship.

Be a sponsor for \$20, send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News.

Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.