

Sunday, September 27, 2020
10:30 Online Worship/ Worship in the 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: Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to the gathering on November 22. We meet during the 9:15 hour in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor if we are in person, or we will meet virtually by zoom. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on November 29th. Attendance is not required to join. For more information email Pastor Kris.
pastorkris@unionucc.org

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: Donna Christman, Phil Wehr

Sound: Mike Baer, Pat Sorg

PRELUDE

Online Worship

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/ All Day, All Night
Traditional Spirituals

10:30 Grove Worship

Chain Breaker

When the Saints Go Marching In

Welcome Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz!

Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for providing the financial support that allows us to have musical guests in worship.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LNo matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and faith's journey

CYou are welcome here.

***HYMN**

1. I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear
Falling on my ear
The song of God discloses
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share
As we tarry there
None other has ever known

2. He speaks and the sound
Of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody
That He gave to me

**Within my heart is ringing
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share
As we tarry there
None other has ever known .**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L** We are children of God,
- C** **As brilliant as a shining star,**
- L** As wondrous as an ocean wave,
- C** **As special as each fragrant rose,**
- L** As unique as each falling leaf.
- C** **We are God's children,**
- L** United in praise, humbled in awe,
- C** **And prompted to sing and love and serve.**

PRAYER

L God of desert days and wilderness nights, we rest in the comfort of your presence and trust in the sustaining power of your love. Provide us with all that we need to live abundantly and serve with abandon. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Watch for Mrs. Bonsell on Facebook and our YouTube Channel

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Mission Statement of Union UCC

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring a dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach within our community and the world.

Welcome and Reception (Unison)

ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our 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.

Greeting of Christian Love

New members being welcomed today:

Eleana Belletieri

Rob Bilger

Tracey Bilger

Gloria Toner

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

MESSAGE

23 Years!!!

Giving God thanks for Kathy Bonsell, Director of Christian Education 1997-2020

Pastor Kris and Friends

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This Little Light of Mine

Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz with Blake

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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**

L 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.

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

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

L 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.

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

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

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

L 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**

Here I Am, Lord Dan Schuttte

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in darkness now
My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their dark-ness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

CHORUS

**Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn a-way.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love a-lone.**

**I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

CHORUS

**Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.**

POSTLUDE

Online

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2
Johannes Brahms

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Calling All Angels

Sarah Ayers, James Supra, Phil Pilorz

Please stay for lunch or get it to go!

**Pig Roast by Lorah's Markets (Pulled Pork, Chicken, or
Hot Dog with Potato Salad, Coleslaw), Vegetarian and
Gluten Free options available. Desserts include Crystal
Spring Dairy Ice Cream and Tastykakes.**

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$11,232
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	528lbs,
Total YTD:	6,563 lbs, \$2,325

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In honor of the Mission Committee and the great mission efforts of Union UCC by Phil & Julie Wehr

Your support is especially important now as we work to provide spiritual care and connection for members and the community 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.