



“With Great Power: Dancing Together” Second Sunday of Easter

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NEW MEMBERS: For more information email Pastor Kris. pastorkris@unionucc.org or call the church office to speak to her.

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

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey and
faith’s journey
You are welcome here.

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PRELUDE

Let There Be Praise Dick & Melodie Tunney

WELCOME

GATHERING OUR STRENGTH

Threshold

Leader: This is the Easter Season! Easter is not just one day of proclaiming that life and love are more powerful than death and hatred, but a whole “week of weeks,” as we call it—seven more weeks of daring to dance our dances with hope and passion. So let us continue our praise!

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

Leader: Dancing requires that we pay attention to our dance partners. It requires finding a rhythm together. The Sunday after Easter brings the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples and breathing the Holy Spirit on them. Other scriptures this week point to the power of being together, of finding fellowship in the presence of Jesus and the presence of the community. What does it take to dance together?

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
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Leader: This is the call!

Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.

People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Leader: Raise your hands in grateful praise.

People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination and set out anyway.

People: For we are called to dance again!

HYMN Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One (Black #253)

1. Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won. Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away: conquered is the grace in which your body lay.

**Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won**

2. See it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing; tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.

Refrain

3. Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore. Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head; Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread.

Refrain

Prayer

Leader: Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world.

Tune us to each other. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

And also with you!

You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

LEARNING THE STEPS

A Story for All Ages

Make sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram for our Children's Chat with Mrs. Puia posted weekly!

A Story for the Ages

First Reading: John 20:19-22 (NRSV, adapted)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw him. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Second Reading: 1 John 1: 1-4 (NRSV, adapted)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the very Creator of the universe and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with both the Creator and with Jesus the Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Message

Pastor Kayli Freeman

THE BODY MOVES IN RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

"Teach Me to Dance" Chuck Bell (v. 2 G. Shepherd)

**Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
teach me to [move] in the light of your presence,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

Leader: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

People: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: We need your healing, O Holy One, for our troubled planet, for our nation, for all who are struggling in body, mind, relationships, and spirit.
We remember those who are suffering...

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

People: **Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

**Teach me to pray in the power of Easter,
following Christ in a life resurrected,
teach me to act with compassion and justice,
teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.**

Leader: Be with each of us now.
May the dance of your Spirit ever call us to engage with you and with the needs around us.
Lead us; guide us; surround and fill us.

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

Offering Our Resources and our Energy

Leader: Our dance with God needs fuel and energy. If we are to dance the dance of justice, find the steps of service, invite others to dance with us, we must have the resources

that will assure that we have the music and the leadership, the tunes and the teachers to continue this holy dance. It's a dance of generosity, too. Following the lead of Christ calls us to pour ourselves out for the sake of love. Won't you give now so that the dance of God can be full and free in this place?

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Easter Mission: Lehigh Conference of Church and the Parkland Cares Food Pantry

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STEPPING OUT

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.

Benediction

Leader: As the song* recorded by Lee Ann Womack
goes:

"I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
May you never take one single breath for granted,
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed.

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the
ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance...
I hope you dance!"

And may the Loving God,
Risen Christ,
and Dancing Spirit
fill you with all you need
for the days ahead.

And all God's people said,
"Amen!"

Postlude

There is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

* *"I Hope You Dance"* (Songwriters: Sanders Mark Daniel / Sillers Tia Maria)

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EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$18,248
Calendar 2021 (Feb)	\$30,541
Calendar 2020 (Feb)	\$35,077
Change from Last Year	-12.9%
Budget (July-Feb.)	\$270,560
Actual (July-Feb.)	\$244,882
Giving vs. Budget	-9.5%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last	Lbs, \$20
Total YTD:	2,221lbs, \$192

Easter Mission
\$2,161.09

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In memory of Ronald Sechler by Marilyn Sechler

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.

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