



Sunday, May 9, 2021

“Break Forth”

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Giving Thanks for Mothers and the Women in Our Lives

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: 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.

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Sound: **Doug Albert**

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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 by scanning the QR Code.
3. Share your offerings.

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy Tune: Nicaea John B. Dykes

WELCOME

L No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and faith's journey

C You are welcome here.

GATHERING OUR STRENGTH

Threshold

Leader 1: Break forth!

Leader 2: Break out!

Leader 1: Break-fast!

Leader 2: Break dance!

Leader 1: Break it up!

Leader 2: Break into!

Leader 1: Breaker-Breaker!

Leader 2: Break-up!

Leader 1: Break bread!

Leader 2: Take a break!

Leader 1: Emergency brake!

Leader 2: Whoa!!!

BOTH: What are we talking about?

Leader 1: Breaking is risky business...

Leader 2: Broken foot

Leader 1: Broken lives

Leader 2: Broken hearts

Leader 1: Broken ties

BOTH: But what are *WE* talking about?

Leader 2: Breaking patterns!

Leader 1: Seeing with new eyes...

Leader 2: Hearing with new ears...

Leader 1: Loving with new hearts...

Leader 2: Breaking the molds that keep us from moving on, moving out...

Leader 1: Breaking through!

Leader 2: Breaking forth!

Leader: Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our
awesome God!

Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our loving
Christ!

Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our
enlivening Spirit!

**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 (from Psalm 98): O sing to the LORD a new song,
for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to
the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and
sing praises with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful
noise before the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their
hands; let the hills sing together for joy!

**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: Leader: This is the call!

We lean into this day with the strength we have.

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

God sends out a call that will not let us go.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of love and set out
anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

HYMN The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young #468
New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal)

**1 The care the eagle gives her young,
safe in her lofty nest,
is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.**

**2 As when the time to venture comes,
she stirs them out to flight,
so we are pressed to boldly try,
to strive for daring height.**

**3 And if we flutter helplessly,
as fledgling eagles fall,
beneath us lift God's mighty wings to bear us,
one and all.**

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –

Let us be open to learn from the dances of others.

Open us to new steps for a new day.

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

Leader: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

People: And also with you!

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

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 (ALL in 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:

Stacy Michelle Dunbar
(Ricky and Austin)

Kay Louise Reiss

Tami K. Reiss

LEARNING THE STEPS

A Story for All Ages- live in the grove with Mrs. Puia

MUSIC OFFERING

You're the Best Mom for Me!

Ark Music Collective

Kid's Choir:

Lucas Bastidas
Brooklyn Hoppes
Lincoln Hoppes
Connor Maxwell
Lucas Maxwell
Raegan Minnich
Cael Vermeulen
Hunter Vermuelen

Directors: Judy Stubbmann & Blake Hoppes

A STORY FOR THE AGES

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 13

As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you;
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

MESSAGE

Break Forth

Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson

DANCE OFFERING In My Heart
Hannah, Leah, and Eve Horvath

THE BODY MOVES IN RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

“Teach Me to Dance” [refrain only]

**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.**

Prayer of Jesus (Unison)

**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 Our Resources and our Energy

Leader: Our joy is complete because the joy of Christ resides within us. We cannot help but break forth. This joy is available to all, realized the community in Acts. The Holy Spirit finds its way even and especially in what feels like unlikely people and places. Everything in creation and everyone has the potential to offer new insight. Let us support ministries that move us forward to new solutions for a new world through our offering today.

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**.

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STEPPING OUT

HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#87 Hymns for the Family of God (Gold Hymnal)

**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**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

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

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

Benediction

Leader: The poet Hafiz said,*

“Every child has known God,
Not the God of names, Not the God of don’ts,
Not the God who ever does anything weird,
But the God who knows only four words.
And keeps repeating them, saying:
‘Come dance with me, come 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!”

* Hafiz (translation by Daniel Ladinsky)

Postlude

In the Presence of Jehovah

Becky and Geron Davis

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EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,363
Calendar 2021 (Jan-March)	\$319,780
Calendar 2020 (Jan-March)	\$302,781
Change from Last Year	-2.6%
Budget (July-March)	\$319,780
Actual (July-March)	\$302,781
Giving vs. Budget	-5.3%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$45
Total YTD:	2,326 lbs, \$212

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**In memory of Ruth Rothrock from daughters
Lucille, Leoma, Lana and family**

**Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms in Union
United Church - Love Carolyn Barry**

**Happy Mother's Day to Our Mom - 10 years in
Heaven. Miss and Love You -Carolyn, Nancy &
Arlene**

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.