

## GROOVE IN THE GROVE

### MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

On Sundays we will celebrate music and how music feeds our spirits and connects us with God and each other.

Let Pastor Kris know what some of your favorite songs are and why. They can be hymns and sacred music, but they can also be what are called 'secular hymns'. Email or call her with your list.

See if your song gets chosen to be sung, performed by a guest musician or one of our own beloved musicians, listened to or included in the sermon.

**Special Events: Broadway Night in the Grove (July 16 & 16)  
and Godspell in the Grove (July 30 & 31)**

Your love, God, is my song, and I'll sing it forever.

~Psalm 89:1

**Note:** With your permission, we will add your name to the songs you have shared and any reflections shared as well. Thank you for grooving with us, we hope it is music for your soul!

## Sunday, June 13, 2021 Semi-Annual Meeting

**GUESTS,** Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs). If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org)

**NEW MEMBERS:** For more information email Pastor Kris. [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto: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.*

**Thank you for wearing a mask and practicing 6 feet of social distancing. Please wear your mask while you are signing in and walking throughout the grove and around others.**

**You are welcome to remove your mask when you arrive at your seat with your household members.**

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

**If you are staying in your car, turn your FM Radio to 102.3 FM to listen to the service.**

Ushers: **Deborah Wenner, Brian Horwith, Larry Todd, Dixie Gross, Phil Wehr, Scott Nagle**  
Sound: **Mike Baer**

## **PRELUDE**

Jesus is all the World to Me (Tune: Elizabeth) Will L. Thompson

## **GREETING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**C. You are welcome here.**

**\*Favorite Hymn– from Don Penrod-and a bunch of our members!**

**Here I Am, Lord**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky**

**I have heard my people cry**

**All who dwell in dark and sin**

**My hand will save**

**I who made the stars of night**

**I will make their darkness bright**

**Who will bear my light to them?**

**Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
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### **\*Call to Worship**

(Today's liturgy is inspired by *Seasons of the Spirit* Copyright © Wood Lake Publishing Inc. 2020)

One: We walk by faith, and not by sight,

**Many: seeking your company,**

One: desiring your presence.

**Many: As the Spirit moves, let us welcome the unexpected:**

One: you and your unfathomable love, O God,

**Many: you and your astounding grace.**

**All: Surprise us again as we raise our voices in praise.**

### **Prayer (unison)**

One: Spirit of God, settle in among us; look past our external features and peer inside our hearts. See us for who we really are: yours. Stubborn, doubting, self-centered and yet, ever yours. Grant us insight to see as you see and the confidence

to allow your unpredictable choices to lead us closer to you.  
Amen

**\*Music for the Soul Response – from Don Penrod (and a bunch of members!)**

**They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (Hymns for the Family of God # 677)**

**ALL: (Sung)**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love**

**Children's Time**

**Maryann Puia, Interim Director of Christian Education**

**The Reading of Scripture Tami Wassum**

**A Surprise for Samuel Based on 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13**

**Music for the Soul Response – isn't this everyone's favorite?**

**Amazing Grace (Hymns for the Family of God #107)**

**ALL: (Sung)**

**Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.**

**MESSAGE**

**Here I Am? Lord? (Really? Me? Them?)  
Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson**

## Music Offertory

Reckless Love      Cory Asbury

Ben Anderson      Ben Tyler

## Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

One: Like the psalmist, we ask many things of you, Listening God – send help, give support, remember our offerings, grant our heart's desire. There is not one prayer we lift that you refuse to hear.

**All: Help us be honest with you.**

One: Like Samuel, we grieve over endings. There is not one sorrow we bear that you do not bear with us.

**All: Help us find comfort in your presence.**

One: Like Jesse, we overlook people whom you deem valuable. There is not one person you've created who is not worthy of your love and our respect.

**All: Help us see others the way you see them.**

One: Like David, help us be the people you've created us to be. There is not one moment when you doubt our abilities.

**All: Help us live into our gifts, the ones that come naturally and those needing nurture. Surprise us with your grace.**

One: Help, support, grant, remember. Hear the prayers we bring before you – spoken and unspoken: for your incredibly beautiful and fragile world; for our nation and all nations; for leaders, both bold and weak; for your church – changing, evolving, seeking to do your work; for families of every size and kind, and for ourselves. Spirit of God, come mightily among us and receive our prayers. We lift them to you with the one Jesus taught us, saying...

**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,  
for ever. Amen.**

### **Offering/Offertory**

Leader: David led when called – imperfectly, but obedient to God. Christ led by example – perfectly obedient to God, offering himself in service to others. Let us live into and share the gifts God has given us – our talents, our resources, and our very lives.

**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!

### **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](mailto: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>.

### **Music Offering**

Bridge Over Troubled Water Paul Simon

Abby Hill

### **Prayer of Dedication of the Offering and the Semi-Annual Meeting**

L: For the gift of those in leadership – whether anticipated or

unforeseen – may we offer our support, and in so doing, respect and honor you, Holy One, and your role in their choosing. For the gift of talents you provide to each of us – those that come easily, or those that need cultivating – may we be thankful. Help us commit to exercising them to do your work. While our offering today may seem small compared to your generosity, may it be the seed you use to grow our community into a place where everyone finds rest and welcome. Amen.

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, Pa  
Aften Hamm, Consistory President presiding

### **For those of you at home:**

Please log in or call in to our zoom meeting. There is a waiting room, please be patient until someone lets you into the meeting.

Please mute yourself once you are in the meeting.

We may ask you your name in order to identify everyone present and be sure that we have a quorum. The agenda and other documents were emailed to you or will be available to see on your screen.

Thank you for being a part of the work that we do as God's church.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/97519016333?  
pwd+c2NURVR4UUJuYUE5ZWpyRGpERThtUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97519016333?pwd=c2NURVR4UUJuYUE5ZWpyRGpERThtUT09)

Meeting ID: 975 1901 6333

Passcode: 379181

## **The Commission and Blessing**

L: Go, as God sees, looking for what is hidden in the heart. Go, as the Spirit moves, expecting the unexpected. Go, as Jesus lives, leading by serving. Go in peace, love, and joy.

**\*Favorite Secular Hymn – from Phil Wehr** One Disney song that has special meaning to so many people around the world is *When You Wish Upon a Star*. The words speak for themselves, so dramatic in any setting, when sung softly, or

when part of a fireworks display, just an emotional song, and the 1940 Oscar winning song.

**ALL: (Sung)**

**When you wish upon a star  
Makes no difference who you are  
Anything your heart desires  
Will come to you  
If your heart is in your dream  
No request is too extreme  
When you wish upon a star  
As dreamers do**

**Fate is kind  
She brings to those who love  
The sweet fulfillment of their secret longing**

**Like a bolt out of the blue  
Fate steps in and sees you through  
When you wish upon a star  
Your dreams come true**

**Postlude**

Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp



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**EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$10,184.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-April)	\$125,842.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.-April)	\$121,255.00
Change from Last Year	+3.8%
Budget (July-April)	\$355,100.00
Actual (July-April)	\$338,935.00.
Giving vs. Budget	-4.6%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
Last Week:	\$40
Total YTD:	2,766 lbs, \$352

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:**

**In honor of grandsons, Calvin and Drew Panner, recent graduations from college and June birthdays. From Grandmother Barbara Panner**

*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.*