



**Sunday, June 6, 2021
Worship in the Grove/
Graduate Recognition
Sunday**

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.

Ushers: **Kerry Snyder, Donna Christman, Debra Sanek, Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Connie Gioielli, Tami Wassum**
Sound: **Doug Albert**

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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.

PRELUDE

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech

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.

***OPENING HYMN**

Black #417 This Is A Day of New Beginnings

- 1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, Time to believe what love is bringing, Laying to rest the pain that's gone.**
- 2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now and then, Can make for us a world of difference, As faith and hope are born again.**
- 3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind, Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, Seeking new paths and sure to find.**
- 4. Christ is a live and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings Our God is making all things new.**

***Call to Worship**

(Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Posted on <http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/other/0032/graduation.html>)

Leader: We praise you, Lord!

We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

ALL: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just.

All: Your precepts are trustworthy.

Leader: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

All: You are to be praised forever.

Prayer (unison) based on Colossians 1:9-11

All: Gracious God,

we pray that You would give these, your children, hearts and minds in tune with Your will.

May they grow in spiritual wisdom, and in an understanding of how You are at work in their lives.

May their words and actions bring credit to You, and may their lives reflect Your glory and grace to everyone they meet.

Strengthen them with Your infinite power, so that they would be strong enough to endure what seems unendurable, giving thanks to You in all things.

Amen.

Children's Time with Tiffany Lakatos

Tiffany is a member at Union UCC who grew up here and has raised her daughter, Miranda, here as well. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, and sang on our Saturday Night Alive team for several years. Currently she is a fitness professional that works with all ages throughout the Lehigh Valley and online.

She impressed us throughout the interview process with her enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, positive spirit, and her love for God and God's church. She has a heart and passion for working with children and families and a heart for working here.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (see insert for names)

ALL: God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward in their journey, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your faithful presence and unconditional love. Help them know they never walk alone, trusting in you and remembering this family of faith.

Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as Modern day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them and guiding them. Help them see others through your eyes and be your heart and hands in the world, we pray. Amen.

Reading of Scripture

The Hebrew Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

9 What gain have the workers from their toil?

10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

MESSAGE

A Time to Move On

Pastor Kayli Freeman

Dance Offering

“You’ll Be In My Heart/Go The Distance”

Eve, Leah, and Hannah Horvath

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Offertory

One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Moment

Susan Glosan

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.

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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>.

Order for Holy Communion

Invitation

L: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You should have received communion elements when you arrived at the sign-in table with a cracker and grape juice, or if you are joining us from home, we invite you to grab a piece of bread or a cracker and some juice/wine or water.

L: We come to this table, hungry to know our neighbor and be known by our neighbor; to love our neighbor and be loved by our neighbor. We come to this table, inspired by the love we have seen; love of God's creation, love of our neighbors and love of God's children. We come to this table, seeking more: seeking Christ's presence among us, filling us to go out and be that love for our world.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

L: May God be with you

C: And also with you!

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to God!

L: Let us give thanks to God most high.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

L: O Holy One, Breath of our Life, Originator of Grace, Source of Limitless Love, We thank you for our brother, Jesus, who showed us how to love our neighbor by speaking openly with a despised woman at noontime; for healing a blind outcast who had almost given up hope; for feeding 5,000 travelers with a miracle of generosity; by working through a Samaritan who helped a stranger who had been beaten, robbed; for reminding us that the greatest law is to love your neighbor as yourself. We thank you for our friend, Jesus, who called on us to love your children. We thank you for your creation that surrounds us with beauty and with what we need for life: remind us in this meal that we are called to steward it faithfully and justly.

*JESUS' WORDS AT HIS LAST SUPPER

L: Jesus showed this love of neighbor on the eve of his death, when he gathered at table with his friends — Friends who often misunderstood him, one who had betrayed him, and others who would later deny him, but ALL who loved him —he took the leftover bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to

them saying “Take and eat: for this is my body, broken for you.” And after supper, as Jesus practiced with us what God’s joyful table will be; he took what remained of the Passover wine, again gave you thanks and said “Take this, all of you, and drink. This is the cup of a new promise: that ALL may have life and have it abundantly; I will be with you any time that you share this meal with your neighbors, Do this to remember me.”

***Blessing**

L: Breathe life in us, Holy Spirit of God—let these everyday gifts of bread and cup become for us soul-sustaining meal. As we share this meal, bring us together. Make us one loving community of neighbors.

***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,
for ever. Amen.**

*** BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: Friends, the table is ready! This meal, like all of creation, is first and foremost a Gift from God. All are welcome without exception.

SHARING THE MEAL

L: Take and eat. Take and drink. Amen.

Music Offering

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ALL: Gracious God, we thank you for your presence with us, not only in this meal, but in our time together. We thank you for the teaching and learning that has occurred as we know more about our neighbors that

share this table and those that do not; for the call to love those neighbors, all your children and to care for this earth. May this meal and your love fill us to overflowing so that we may show your light and love to all the world. Amen.

The Commission and Blessing

L: May the Spirit of God guide you into all truth as you go out into the world this week. May your ears be attentive to the still small voice that tells you that you are loved, you are valuable, you are his. Let the message of the Holy Spirit transform your actions as you seek to follow his gentle guiding. Go now, in the great peace of Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn #350 (Black Hymnal) Now in the Days of Youth

- 1. Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice,
When hope and doubt touch every hour, when all
thoughts find a voice, We turn, O God, to you for
guidance and for grace. In all our days, in all our ways,
help us to seek your face.**
- 2. Teach us to use our lives with purpose and with power
For visions of a better world and for decision's hour;
To choose the way of life, reject the way of death,
Until the radiant force of God fills mind and strength
and breath.**
- 3. Teach us to love in truth, to give and to receive
With joyful and with open hearts, with all that we
believe; To seek another's good, to honor what is right,
To let our will and our desire be held in holy light.**
- 4. Teacher, Creator, God, enfold us in your arms;
Be with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from
harm. All good and perfect gifts come to us from your
hand. O help us use them carefully and live by love's
command.**

Postlude

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Tune: WOODWORTH

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$2,967.08
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>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$20
Total YTD:	2,766 lbs, \$312

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**In memory of Carlton Wehr who celebrated his 21 birthday while fighting in Normandy on D-Day 75 years ago.
From Phil & Julie**

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.