



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 & 17)
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, July 11, 2021
Welcome Interrupted Silence and thank you for your music today!

Blessing of the Animals

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.

UPDATE:

**We will no longer be signing people in before worship.
Masks are optional.**

Please continue to visit the welcome tables to receive your bulletin (and communion) and share your offering.

**In Person Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am
Sunday, August 1 (Communion) and August 22**

Starting September 12

In Person Sanctuary Worship at 8am and 10:30am

Note: Our new air conditioning system has the recommended air scrubbing system. Masks will be optional, pews will be arranged for 3ft of social distancing.

**A reminder from Kara Mascitti from St. Luke's
Infectious Disease Associates:**

**Covid is complicated and everyone navigates the ongoing
fear and anxiety in different ways.**

**Remember to Be Kind. No mask shaming (either to wear
one or take it off).**

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

Lay Reader– Suzanne Schneider

Ushers:

Sound: Doug Albert

PRELUDE

Blake Hoppes

GREETING and 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— #641 Pass It On—Pastor Kris
Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)**

One of my favorite songs from youth group as a youth. Yes, in the 70's!

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
2 *What a won-drous time is spring—when all the trees are bud - ding,*
3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that I've found—

1 And soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
2 *The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;*
3 You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

1 That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:
2 *That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:*
3 I'll shout it from the moun - tain top, I want my world to know:

1 You spread His love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
2 *You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*
3 The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

***Call to Worship**

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

All: God has called us by name.

One: From before we are born,

All: we are loved as God's own.

One: In the moments of joy,

All: we are given God's presence.

One: In the seasons of struggle,

All: God lavishes us with grace.

One: Now, in this moment of worship,

All: we are brought together as God's people.

One: Here in this sacred space,

All: we are marked with God's Spirit.

One: Let us lift our heads and open our hearts

All: and receive God's grace.

Prayer

One: Adopting God, you have welcomed us as your people and given us the privilege of being your beloved children. As we gather to worship you, give us clean hands and pure hearts to worship you fully, so that we may dance and sing unencumbered by the pressures of this world, but caught up in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Children's Time

Ms. Tiffany Lakatosh, our Faith Formation Minister of Children and Families, invites our children to join her in the gazebo for a story time, activities, and a craft. Children will return to worship with their families when they are done meeting with her.

Older youth are welcome to join her as helpers, no need to sign up just meet them at the gazebo. We will need an adult volunteer to join her each week, please email her at dired@unionucc.org to sign up. This gathering will happen every Sunday at 10:30 worship through August 22.

The Reading of Scripture

Suzanne Schneider

Reading Someone Else's Mail Based on Ephesians 1:3–14

The Message

Music for the Soul with **Interrupted Silence, Vocal Ensemble**

Ronda Gerry, soprano
Paige Herman, soprano
Catherine Chambers, alto
Abby Hill, alto
CJ Hassl, tenor
Ryan Zickafoose, tenor
William Marshall, baritone
Todd Bachl, Bass

The Road Home – Stephen Paulus

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own
That I left, that I lost
So long ago
All these years I have wandered
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home

After wind, after rain
When the dark is done
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling
From far away
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home
Rise up follow me, come away is the call,
with the love in your heart As the only song:
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up follow, I will lead you home

Hold Me Rock Me – Brian Tate

Hold me, rock me, calm and easy
Hold me, rock me, deep and wide
Hold me, rock me, in your arms
Oh I got a home on the other side
Someday, gonna cross the river
Some day, gonna set out on my own
Don't know where my journey leads,
But I'll keep on walkin' till I get me home
My life is a runnin' river

Flowin' from the mountains to a distant sea
I've walked many hills and valleys
But when I cross that river, I'll be free
Lord, I'm coming
I got a home on the other side

Steal Away – Patrick Dupre Quigley

Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home;
I ain't got long to stay here.
My lord, he calls;
He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.
Green trees are bending;
And sinners stand a trembling.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Ave Maria – Franz Biebl

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Mary said:
Behold the handmaiden of the Lord.
Do to me according to your word.
Hail Mary ...
And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

O Radiant Dawn – James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn

Splendour of eternal light
Sun of Justice,
come shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death
Isaiah had prophesied,
“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
A light has shown”
Amen

Lullaby – arr. Philip Lawson/Billy Joel

Goodnight, my angel time to close your eyes,
And save these questions for another day
I think I know what you've been asking me.
I think you know what I've been trying to say.
I promised I would never leave you,
and you should always know
Wherever you may go, not matter where you are
I never will be far away
Goodnight, my angel, now it's time to sleep,
And still so many things I want to say
Remember all the songs you sang for me
When we went sailing on an emerald bay
And like a boat out on the ocean
I'm rocking you to sleep
The water's dark and deep inside this ancient heart
Be a part of me
Goodnight, my angel, now it's time to dream,
and dream how wonderful your life will be
Someday your child may cry, and if you sing this lullaby,
Then in your heart there will always be a part of me
Someday we'll all be gone but lullabies go on and on
They never die, that's how you and I will be

My Soul's Been Anchored – Moses Hogan

In the Lord, My soul's been anchored in the lord
Before I'd stay in hell one day
I'd sing an' pray my self away
Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop
Until I reach the mountain top

Do you love him? Oh yes!
Will you praise him? Oh yes!
God almighty!
Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored
Will you serve him? Oh yes!
Halleluiah!
Will you praise him? Oh yes!
Lord, I'm anchored, Lord, I love you,
Yes, I'll serve you, Lord, I'll praise you

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

**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, forever. Amen.**

Blessing of the Animals Prayer

One: We gather here today in the beauty of creation and give thanks that we have been made partners in the caretaking of this world. We gather here today alongside the creatures of the earth; Those that fly overhead, Those that creep below on the ground, Those who bring joy to our homes, Those that fill us with awe and delight.

ALL: We gather here today as a part of creation, filled with the breath of God and made of the dust of the earth.

One: May God bless the animals of the earth and sea and air with security of habitat, plentiful food and clean water. May God bless creatures that are endangered with our concern and protection. May God bless our efforts to ensure that no creature is exploited or forgotten.

ALL: We ask God's blessings for all creatures of the earth, those known to us and those yet to be discovered.

One: May God bless the animals that provide service to us. Protect animals that assist our police and armed forces, as well as those who serve the blind and those with physical or mental illness.

ALL: We ask God's blessing for the interdependent web of creation, and to make us mindful of all the ways we depend on animals.

One: May God bless companion animals. We give thanks for the comfort, play, and joy they bring us. May God bless the memories of beloved pets that have died.

ALL: We ask God to keep all of creation in divine arms of redemptive love.

One: May God make us instruments of God's peace;

ALL: Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

C: Let us be a consoling, understanding, loving, and forgiving people toward all of God's creation.

A Time of Blessing of the Animals

Please bring your pet forward to one of the pastors for a blessing. If you brought a picture or a stuffed animal or would like to come forward to represent your pet, we can provide a blessing for that as well.

Music for the Soul

Blake Hoppes

Offering/Offeratory

Leader: We bring our gifts before God with joy and gratitude. May they be distributed and used for the work of God's church and the outreach of God's Kin-dom so that all may know themselves as beloved grace-filled children.

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!

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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.

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Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

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The Commission and Blessing

L: May you dance with joy in the presence of God, and may you know that you are God’s beloved, sealed in the Spirit, and claimed as God’s own so that you may serve God and your neighbor. Amen.

***Secular Hymn All You Need Is Love John Lennon
-Pastor Kris**

Love, love, love
Love, love, love
Love, love, love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say, but you can learn how to play
the game
It's easy

**2. Nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do, but you can learn how to be
you in time
It's easy**

**[Chorus]
All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need**

(Repeat Chorus)

**Love, love, love
Love, love, love
Love, love, love**

**Postlude
Blake Hoppes**



EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	
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:	
Total YTD:	2,766 lbs, \$352

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**Giving God thanks for our Grove.
Pastor Kris**

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.

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