



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 4, 2021 **American Heritage**

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

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– Claire Kern

Ushers: Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

Sound: Drew Panner

PRELUDE

America the Beautiful
Samuel A. Ward

Katharine Lee Bates &

Mitchell Roth, Trumpet; Jacob Roth, Piano

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– #577 They'll Know We Are Christians by
Our Love (Gold Hymnal)**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

**REFRAIN: *And they'll know we are Christians by our
love, by our love,***

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**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**

REFRAIN

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride**

REFRAIN

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

REFRAIN

***Call to Worship**

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

Leader: In our sanctuaries, in our hometowns, in the city, we say:

ALL: God is great and so worthy of our praise!

Leader: God's praise and reputation extend to the far corners of Earth.

ALL: Let the towns rejoice!

Leader: Let our own community rejoice, saying:

ALL: This is God, our God, forever and always! God is the one who will lead us even to the very end. Come, let us worship.

Prayer

Leader: Gather us together in this place today, Dear Friend. Hear our prayers, receive our praise, equip us with your word, and then, as you sent out the Twelve, send us out to share your message of hope, healing, and redemption. Amen.

The Reading of Scripture Claire Kern
Jesus Returns Home based on Mark 6:1-13

The Message
Identity Crisis

Pastor Kayli Freeman

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

Leader: We thank you for journeying with us, Christ Jesus, and for setting an example of resilience in times of trial. Travelling this road is not easy. We admit we'd rather play it safe than risk rejection as your disciples. Grant us the strength to be resilient, unfaltering, and determined to become the people you have called us to be. We dream of being leaders with heart and humility, strength and tenacity, servants not tyrants, following you and emulating your leadership. Yet let us also be content with whatever hardships we bear for your sake, Jesus; for, as Paul reminds us, when we admit our weakness, we discover your strength.

ALL: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.

Leader: When the world's leaders fail to act justly, give them wisdom and courage.

ALL: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.

Leader: When the church falters in its efforts on your behalf, renew our spirits and our determination.

ALL: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.

Leader: When we second-guess our ability to do your will, restore our sense of purpose.

ALL: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.

Leader: When our plans run aground, and our offers of help are refused,

ALL: Send us back on the road, Lord Jesus, for your sake.

Leader: Help us, transform us, and hear us as we lift to you prayers for encouragement, consolation, and thanks. We offer our prayers to the one rejected by his hometown, but welcomed by sinners like us, praying for forgiveness and grace as we pray the prayer Jesus taught...

**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: In our attempt to follow Christ, we journey with so much more than a walking stick; we take money, bread, clothing, and other creature comforts we deem to be essential. But many of our neighbours lack these very things. Let us share our gifts with those in need, as a testimony to God's grace.

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!

Music for the Soul

Battle Hymn of the Republic William Steffe
Mitchell Roth, Trumpet; Jacob Roth, Piano

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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 form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and send to 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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The Commission and Blessing

Leader: Strap on your sandals and hit the road, my friends. Shake off the dust of your complacency. Walk with a friend and travel light. Go, proclaiming Christ's message of healing and hope. Go, declaring that hearts and lives can change! Keep going, because Christ gives you authority. Go in the name of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Just go.

*Favorite Hymn #681 Let There Be Peace on Earth (Gold Hymnal)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brother's all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude

My Country 'Tis of Thee
Musicus

Samuel F. Smith, Thesaurus



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EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,631.00
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>	

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

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In Honor of the Mission Committee from Phil & Julie Wehr

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.