



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.

**August 8—Church picnic/ bagged lunch/ extra music with Blake
August 15— Sarah Ayers and James Supra**

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, August 1, 2021 **Worship In the Sanctuary/ Communion**

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**

We will open the church at 10am, worship starts at 10:30am.
Please go to the welcome tables for your bulletin and to share your
offering (or pick up communion elements). You will not be asked to
sign in.

Masks are preferred, but optional for those who are vaccinated. We
ask that those NOT fully vaccinated wear masks in the building at all
times.

Pews will be marked to allow for 3 feet of distancing. Please sit in
open areas only. The balcony will be closed.

On Communion Sundays, we will continue to use the prefilled
communion cups of grape juice and a gluten free cracker. Please use
the ziploc bag to take your garbage with you.

For now, there will not be congregational singing. Special music will
be provided by soloists and instrumentalists.

Please gather with others for conversation outside of the
building. The pastors will greet you outside on the porches.

We hope to evaluate and edit these precautions when vaccination
rates continue to increase, COVID (and variant) numbers continue to
decrease, and guidelines are updated for churches and our
region. There is no guarantee of complete safety from transmission
of the COVID-19 virus, but we will continue to do our best to keep our
members, friends, and families as safe as possible.

We are grateful for the love of this church family and for God's love
which sustains and carries us during this challenging time.

~ The Pastors and Consistory of Union UCC

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.

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

Lay Reader– Carol Pope

Ushers: Donna Christman, Deborah Wenner, Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Scott Nagle

Sound: Doug Albert, Dre Panner

PRELUDE

I Am His, He Is Mine Mountain arr. Hamlin

Fawn Albert, organ

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***Call to Worship**

(written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. Visit that site for many other excellent worship resources. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>)

Leader: Welcome to this place:
where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:
where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:
where we bring our hunger, and find food;

where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

Prayer

Leader: We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;
we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;
we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;
we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;
we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;
we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.

But we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread
and in the breaking of our hearts;
we will find you when we drain the Cup, refill it with our gifts,
and offer it to a little child;
we will find you when we squeeze closer together, making
room at the Table for all your people.

Children's Time

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

Music for the Soul

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Runyan/ arr. Wagner
Fawn Albert, organ

The Reading of Scripture Carol Pope

The letter to the Ephesians 4:1-16

The Message

When I Grow Up... Pastor Kayli

Pastoral Prayer

(prayer by Christine Longhurst, re: worship blog)

Leader: God, like the Israelites in the wilderness,
we too have known Your love,
and experienced Your care and provision.
You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—

to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.
And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.
In Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the many who do not have enough:
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;
enough medicine or medical care.
Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: We also pray for those who have more than enough,
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities
to dull their pain or loneliness.
Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.
Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
Amen.

Offering/Offertory

Neighbor's in Need Offering Moment

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 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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Music for the Soul

Amazing Grace

Payge Haydt, viola

Order for Holy Communion (liturgy written by written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Liturgy Outside**. <http://www.liturgyoutside.net/>)

Invitation

L: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You should have received communion elements when you arrived at the welcome 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: And so we gather at the table.

We come from many places,
differing in age, differing in race,
differing in orientation, politics and even religion.

As we come together around the table
we discover that our differences are
not something we tolerate

but that our differences are indeed a blessing,
the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience
the presence of the sacred in our midst.

So come, children of God, just as you are.

Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome
here, here in this place, here in this community,
here at this table.

Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

L: May God be with you

And also with you!

L: Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God!

L: Let us give thanks to God most high.

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: We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell, stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude, stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables, stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

They say that that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal that he took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it and broke it; reminding them that it is in the breaking that we become whole, in losing our lives that we find them, in serving that we are served. As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf, when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.

They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table,
poured out and sharing, remembering with them, the life-
giving breath
even now pounding a rhythm through our veins,
the breath of life from whence we come
the breath that precedes and follows all that we can see
As the grapes find life in the vine,
when we drink this cup,
we become at one with the source of life itself.

***Blessing**

L: Come, holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and
bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes
might be open,
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst,
indeed in one another.
Come, holy Spirit, come.

***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: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all
things are ready.

SHARING THE MEAL

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

Music for the Soul
How Great Thou Art
Fawn Albert, organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of this meal. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Commission and Blessing

L: Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so. Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven, that in loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. Amen.

Postlude

Tocatta Young
Fawn Albert, organ



EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$7,787.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.- June)	\$186,846.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.- June)	\$182,788.00
Change from Last Year	+2.2%
Budget (July-June)	\$413,210.00
Actual (July-June)	\$399,940.00
Giving vs. Budget	-3.2%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	
Total YTD:	2,916 lbs, \$392

Neighbors in Need	
To date:	\$145.00

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

Giving God thanks for our staff from 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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