



## **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.**

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 15, 2021**

**Welcome Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz! Thanks for your music!**

**Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for providing the financial support that allows us to have musical guests in worship.**

**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](http://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.***

**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**

**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:

Ushers: Donna Christman, Kerry Snyder, Phil Wehr

Sound: Karl Klinger, Pat Sorg

### **PRELUDE**

Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz Chain Breaker

### **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 The Old Rugged Cross From Eric Minnich  
#256 Hymn for the Family of God (Gold Hymnal)**

**On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

**Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

**To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**(Today's liturgy is inspired by Seasons of the Spirit)**

One: As we sing and make melody to God in our hearts and with our voices, let us give thanks to God. Come, let us worship God.

### **\*Prayer**

One: God of Wisdom, open our hearts and minds to this time of worship together, that we may be reminded of ways to live in your wisdom. Open us to live in your light; bright and aware of the world around us. Help us to imitate you, that all we say and think and do might bring glory to you, and joyous peace to our world. Amen

### **\*Prayer for Grace**

One: We pause in our celebration to remember that we don't always live wisely, we don't always remember the good things of God, we are not always thankful.

### **\*Words of Affirmation**

One: By pausing and recognizing these things, we are on the path to living differently, in ways that show the unity and peace we have together in God, and which reflect God's love and compassion for ourselves, for each other and all God's people.

## **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](mailto:dired@unionucc.org) to sign up. This gathering will happen every Sunday at 10:30 worship through August 22.**

## **The Reading of Scripture**

Live Wisely Based on Ephesians 5:15–20

**Music for the Soul                      Amazing Grace  
Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz**

## **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,  
For ever. Amen.**

## **Offering/Offertory**

One: Thank you to everyone who has been donating school supplies. Please see our wish list in the bulletin as well as the links for Target and Amazon if you'd like to participate in helping families in our community. We'll be collecting your donations through the end of September.

May the various gifts we bring, our time and our skills, our relationships and our care, and our money that is a token of all we offer to God be used for good. May we be granted understanding and discernment as those who give, those who

distribute, and those who receive, so all are used wisely for God's work we hope and pray.

## **Music for the Soul**

**Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz**

### **Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC**

**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!

**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](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>.

## **The Commission and Blessing**

L: As we go into the week ahead, let's be careful, joyful and wise. Let's make the most of our time and give thanks to God

**\*Favorite Hymn In the Bulb There Is a Flower  
#433 New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal)**

**In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

## **Postlude**

**Sarah Ayers, James Supra, and Phil Pilorz**

### **Today: We remember Pastor Tom on his birthday.**

After worship you are to join us at his graveside with his wife Kathy to share in a time of prayer. We'll gather there when worship is over, around 11:30am. Pastor Thomas was the Senior Pastor here for 30 years.

**Bring your bulletin with you so that we can sing together.**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again**

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

| <b>Offering<br/>(e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>                        |              |
|---|--------------|
| Last Week   | \$16,444.22  |
| Calendar 2021 (Jan.-<br>June)   | \$186,846.00 |
| Calendar 2020 (Jan.-<br>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<br/>Consistory Minutes</i> |              |

| <b>2021 Donations to the<br/>Northern Lehigh Food<br/>Bank:</b> |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Last<br>Week:   | \$50             |
| Total<br>YTD:   | 3,031 lbs, \$442 |

| <b>Neighbors in Need</b> |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| To<br>date:              | \$475.00 |

## **SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:**

### **Don & Marlene Steffy**

*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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