



## **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 22, 2021** **Worship in The Sanctuary and Communion**

**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](https://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:

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

### **Sanctuary Guidelines Worship Fall 2021 (Starting September 12)**

We will open the church at 7am, with worship services at 8am and 10:30am.

Please go to the welcome tables at each door for your bulletin and to share your offering (and to pick up Communion) before entering the sanctuary.

**Masks are required for worship on Sundays, church group meetings, and all events and gatherings inside the building for everyone over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status.**

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

The balcony will be open.

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.

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

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

Lay Reader:

Ushers: Connie Gioielli, Deborah Wenner, Jason Klinger, Phil Wehr

Sound: Drew Panner, Karl Klinger

## **PRELUDE**

Hymne

Vangelis

## **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.**

**Music for the Soul** Waiting on the World to Change John Mayer  
**Jason Klinger with Blake Hoppes**

Me and all my friends  
We're all misunderstood  
They say we stand for nothing and  
There's no way we ever could  
Now we see everything that's going wrong  
With the world and those who lead it  
We just feel like we don't have the means  
To rise above and beat it

### **CHORUS**

So we keep waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
We keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
It's hard to beat the system  
When we're standing at a distance  
So we keep waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change

Now if we had the power  
To bring our neighbors home from war  
They would have never missed a Christmas  
No more ribbons on their door

And when you trust your television  
What you get is what you got  
Cause when they own the information, oh  
They can bend it all they want

CHORUS

**\*Call to Worship**  
**(Today's liturgy is inspired by Seasons of the Spirit)**

Leader: We come to worship God who is present in the nest built by a bird and in glorious clouds. We come to worship God, who provides sunshine and shelter. We come to worship God who cannot be contained by the universe, but is alongside us.

**Prayer**

Leader: God our dwelling place, be close to us as we join together in worship. May our worship time be one of the ways we "get dressed," one of the ways we get ready for our tasks so we will be equipped and protected, as together we work and walk with you. Amen.

**Children's Time**

**Ms. Tiffany Lakatosh, our Faith Formation Minister of Children and Families, invites our children to join her in the Memorial Hall 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 join her. This is the last Sunday for this time. See our calendar for the start of Education Hour on September 26th and Children's Church on October 3rd.**

**The Reading of Scripture**

Put On the Strength of God Based on Ephesians 6:10–20

**Message**

What Should I Wear?

Pastor Kris

**Music for the Soul   A Shovel is a Prayer   Carrie Newcomer**

A shovel is a prayer  
To a farmer's foot  
When he steps down and the soft earth gives way  
A baby is a prayer when its finally asleep  
A whisper, amen at the end of the day  
And a friend is a prayer  
When they pray over soup  
When they laugh at your jokes  
And they don't ask for proof  
it's a song that you sing  
when you are alone  
when you're weary or lonely  
or that far from home

For all your searching there's, nothing to do  
What you've been looking for is looking, for you  
I'm the Prodigal daughter you're the dissonant son  
We've been washed in rain water  
We're the fortunate one's  
On the other side of midnight, just before the dawn  
You can feel it coming up, when the long night is done

And its weightless  
It's the dream you forgot   It's the letter you wrote  
It's the first bird of morning that sound like a hymn  
Go open a window, let the light in

I'm a wayfaring stranger you're Indiana Jones  
We are Gracie and George  
We're Watson and Holmes  
The air is Filled with angels  
There's no devil to outrun  
Sign kiss the ground  
When the long night is done  
It's a collar turned up  
A kiss on the forehead  
A string and two cans  
It's the last thing you said  
A hunch that you follow  
A light in the dark  
An idiot check, for your heart

For all your searching there's, nothing to do  
What you've been looking for is looking, for you

Sanctuary Carrie Newcomer  
Will you be my refuge  
My haven in the storm  
Will you keep the embers warm  
When my fire's all but gone?  
Will you remember  
And bring me sprigs of rosemary  
Be my sanctuary  
'Til I can carry on  
Carry on Carry on

This one knocked me to the ground  
This one dropped me to my knees  
I should have seen it coming  
But it surprised me

Will you be my refuge  
My haven in the storm  
Will you keep the embers warm  
When my fire's all but gone?  
Will you remember  
And bring me sprigs of rosemary  
Be my sanctuary  
'Til I can carry on  
Carry on Carry on

### **You Can Do This Hard Thing Carrie Newcomer**

There at the table  
With my head in my hands  
A column of numbers  
I just could not understand  
You said "Add these together  
Carry the two  
Now you."  
CHORUS  
You can do this hard thing  
You can do this hard thing  
It's not easy I know  
But I believe that it's so  
You can do this hard thing

At a cold winter station  
Breathing into our gloves  
This would change me forever  
Leaving for God knows what  
You carried my bags  
You said "I'll wait  
For you."

### CHORUS

Late at night I called  
And you answered the phone  
The worst it had happened  
And I did not want to be alone  
You quietly listened  
You said "We'll see this thru."

### CHORUS

Here we stand breathless  
And pressed in hard times  
Hearts hung like laundry  
On backyard clothes lines  
Impossible just takes  
A little more time

From the muddy ground  
Comes a green volunteer  
In a place we thought barren  
New life appears  
Morning will come whistling  
Some comforting tune  
For you

### CHORUS

## **Prayer Through Music for the Soul**

You Raise Me Up Joseph, Rolf

**Favorite Secular Hymn Request from John Harting**

**Jason Klinger with Blake Hoppes**

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary  
When troubles come and my heart is burdened  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until you come and sit awhile with me

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up... To more than I can be

## **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>.

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Leader: We bring our gifts, trusting in God from whom all good things come and happy to share what we have. May our offerings be used to declare God's love and care boldly.



**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

**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: 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.

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

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

### **Music for the Soul** Broken and Beautiful Doerksen, Fox **Jason Klinger, Pastor Kris with Blake Hoppes**

As we break this bread  
As we drink this cup  
Lord we remember  
How You gave Your life on a brutal cross  
Lord we remember

This is the way You've chosen to say  
This is the way You make all things new  
This is the way You've chosen to say  
This is the way You make all things new  
Broken and beautiful  
Extravagant love  
Prodigal grace

Broken and beautiful  
God's perfect justice  
Mercies embraced

## The Commission and Blessing

Leader: St Patrick's breastplate, like the Ephesians reading, builds up a multi-layered image reminding us of God's care and protection. It also invokes that care as we see Christ active in ourselves, our relationships, and the wider world.

Voices 1 and 2: Christ be with me

Voice 1: Christ within me

Voice 2: Christ beside me

Voice 1: Christ to win me

Voice 2: Christ to comfort and restore me

Voice 1: Christ beneath me

Voice 2: Christ above me

Voice 1: Christ in quiet

Voice 2: Christ in danger

Voice 1: Christ in hearts of all who love me

Voice 2: Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

## Postlude

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing  
and Carl G. Glazer

Charles Wesley



# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$3,979.00
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>	

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
Last Week:	\$10
Total YTD:	3,031 lbs, \$452

<b>Neighbors in Need</b>	
To date:	\$495.00

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

**In honor of special music in the Grove this summer from  
Phil and 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.*

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