



## **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 29, 2021**

**Welcome Bev Conklin and the BC Combo, 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. Be sure to stay for lunch and enjoy some of your favorite Blues Night Out menu items served by our Blues Night Out crew.**

**Thanks Phil and Julie Wehr for hosting!**

**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)**

***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: Sue Steinmann

Ushers: Brian Horwith, Jason Klinger, Dixie Gross, Phil Wehr

Sound: Karl Klinger, Dawn Dengler

**PRELUDE      Bev Conklin & the BC Combo**

Mellow Down Easy

**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 #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (New Century Hymnal)**

- 1. Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unfailing love.**
- 2. Here I pause in my sojourning,  
giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger,  
blessed body, precious blood.**
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn a new!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for your very own.**

## **\*Call to Worship**

**(Today's liturgy is inspired by My Redeemer Lives)**

website. <http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

One: O God from whom every gift derives,  
we gather to worship You this day.  
You are an awesome God,  
greater than our comprehension or our imagination.  
You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You.  
And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast  
love.

## **Prayer**

One: We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise,  
to know that You are God  
and to place our lives anew into Your perspective.  
Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word.  
Instill in us, again,  
Your hope in place of our despair,  
Your peace where our hatred threatens,  
Your joy amidst our depression,  
Your love overwhelming our apathy.

May Your Holy Spirit surround  
and indwell in all of us. Amen.

## **Words of Affirmation (inspired by Season of the Spirit)**

One: We are forgiven by God who always listens, who is always  
ready to hear us speak, and who longs to extend love and care to  
us.

## **The Reading of Scripture**

Live Love based on James 1:17-27

## **Music for the Soul Bev Conklin & the BC Combo**

Some Days are Diamonds  
People Get Ready  
People Are Hungry

**Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus (based on prayer by Terri on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/> )**

One: Holy and Gracious God,  
we give you thanks for family, friends, life, love—  
for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us.  
In Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

One: God of our Mothers and Fathers,  
your desire for us leads the way,  
may we have the ears to hear the cries of this world -  
responding with Your hope.

In Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

One: Compassionate One,  
fill us with your love  
that we may see deeply into all the needs around us,  
Help us to care with Your heart.

In Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

One: May Your love, Your grace, Your compassion, Your  
mercy,  
carry us away, this day  
and lead us with love  
to be Your hands and heart in the world. Hear our voices as  
we lift them together praying the words that Jesus taught us...

**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.

God of lights, we pause to bring ourselves and our resources to contribute to God's work. Accept our offerings of time and skill, listening and speaking. May they help spread your care and attention we pray. Amen.

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

### Music for the Soul Bev Conklin & the BC Combo

Hope in a Hopeless World

**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 continue our lives and our worship this week, we go ready to pay attention to what is around us, to listen when we need to hear, to speak with courage and with kindness and

justice. Amen.

**\*Favorite Hymn #517 I Need You Every Hour (New Century Hymnal)**

I need you every hour, O God of grace;  
The peace you voice affords I now embrace.

**REFRAIN:** *I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you*

I need you every hour, in faith or fear;  
Temptations lose their power when you are near.

**REFRAIN:** *I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you*

I need you every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain.

**REFRAIN:** *I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you*

I need you every hour; teach me your will.  
And your rich promises in me fulfill.

**REFRAIN:** *I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you*

**Postlude Bev Conklin & the BC Combo**



# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,697.00
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:	125lbs
Total YTD:	3,146 lbs, \$452

Neighbors in Need	
To date:	\$495.00

## SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**Giving God thanks for our church family  
- 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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