



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 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 8, 2021 **Summer Church Picnic**

Please stay for a bagged lunch from Kornfeind's and other goodies or take your meal to go. Blake will be sharing extra music after the service, thanks Blake!

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

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: Donna Christman

Ushers: Debra Sanek, Phil Wehr, Brian Horwith

Sound: Mike Baer, Pat Sorg

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him Tune: Joyful song, Chester G. Allen

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 Summons (John L. Bell)
from Carol Mesics**

**1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?**

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

**Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?**

**4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you
but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.**

***Call to Worship**

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

One: We gather to worship God who loves, forgives, and meets with us individually and in community. Let us put aside those things that will get in the way of worship today.

All: We put aside the things that will get in the way of worship today.

One: Let us build up and develop those things that will add to our worship today.

All: We build up and develop the things that will add to our worship today. We gather to worship God in community.

Prayer

God who loves us, who hears us when we are joyful and who hears us when we despair, hear our prayers and songs this morning. Be close to us as we worship in joy and in sorrow. Help us to be close to each other, helping and supporting, and reflecting the love of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Grace

All: Forgive us,

One: for the times we are angry when we should not be.

All: Forgive us,

One: for the times when we take offence when none is intended.

All: Forgive us,

One: for the times we are unkind.

All: Forgive us,

One: for the times when we are not angry, but we should be.

All: Forgive us,

One: when we accept things as they are even when we know that hurts others.

Words of Affirmation

One: We are reminded to be kind to one another, forgiving, and tender-hearted because that is how God has forgiven us. We are loved and forgiven.

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 to sign up. This gathering will happen every Sunday at 10:30 worship through August 22.

The Reading of Scripture Donna Christman

Healthy Attitudes Based on Ephesians 4:25—5:2

The Message

The Super Power of Being Kind

Pastor Kris

Pastoral Prayer

Music for the Soul Inscription of Hope (Z. Randall Stroepe) from Teri Fekula

Recording by Spivey Hall Children's Choir

"The girls both sang Inscription of Hope when they were in 5th grade chorale. Obviously the story behind it is tragic but we all found it to be beautiful and rather comforting. I along with my mom and mother-in-law cried through the concerts as they sang it. Then 3 years ago while visiting Germany, we toured a concentration camp with the girls. Physically standing there and thinking of the song was an incredible experience. "

The text was supposedly written on a cellar wall during the rise of Nazi Germany. Some of you will recognize some of the words from an Advent Series we've done using the same text called, *I Believe Even When*.

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I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
and I believe in love
even when there's no one there
and I believe in God
even when he is silent
I believe through any trial
there is always a way

but sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
my heart cries for shelter to know someone's here
but a voice rises within me saying hold on my child
I'll give you strength I'll give you hope just stay a little while

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even when it is not shining
and I believe in love
even when there's no one there
but I believe in God
even when he is silent

I believe through any trial there is always a way

may there someday be sunshine
may there some day be happiness
may there someday be love

Offering/Offertory

Leader: A reminder that we are collecting school supplies for local families in August and September. See the details in your bulletin. May all of our gifts, offerings of kindness and generous sharing of what we have, be for the building up of all.

Music for the Soul

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Anthony J. Showalter

Elisha A. Hoffman,

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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The Commission and Blessing

L: As we continue our worship day by day, in the tasks we do and with the people we meet, let us take care to build, renew and support. And know that God is with us through it all.

***Favorite Secular Hymn The Rainbow Connection (Kenny Ascher, Paul Hamilton Williams)
from Teri Fekula Sung by Kermit the Frog from the Muppet Movie**

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All Sing Along:

**Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side?
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide**

**So we've been told, and some choose to believe it
I know they're wrong, wait and see
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me**

**Who said that every wish would be heard and
answered
When wished on the morning star?
Somebody thought of that, and someone believe it
Look what it's done so far**

**What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing
And what do we think we might see?
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me**

**All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic**

**Have you been half asleep, and have you heard
voices?
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors?
The voice might be one and the same**

**I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something that I'm suppose to be**

**Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me
La, da, da, dee, da....**

Postlude

He Leadeth Me

William Bradbury

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and other goodies or take your meal to go. Blake
will be sharing extra music after the service,
thanks Blake!**



EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	
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:	115lbs
Total YTD:	3,031 lbs, \$392

Neighbors in Need	
To date:	\$145.00

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

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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