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Drawn In:
Living the
Creative Life
with God

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8am and 10:30am

**Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God
Week 1: DREAM**

We spend too much time being “driven” rather than “drawn in.” We focus on what we “should” do rather than what we feel excited and compelled to do in our lives, in this world. During this series, we will connect with our inherent creativity and nurture this foundational aspect of being human, giving us renewed energy for passionate work, delightful play, and creative problem solving to make this world a better place for all.

What has this time during COVID taught us?

What is it still teaching us about how we live and love?

How are we being driven? How are we being drawn in?

May this time of worship help you be nourished for the journey.

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

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

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 3 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: 8am: Rose Snyder, 10:30am Claire Kern
Ushers: 8am: Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Kerry Snyder
10:30am: Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzann Schneider
Sound: Karl Klinger, Dawn Dengler

A reminder that we will not have congregational singing at this time. Music will be provided by soloists, small groups, and instrumentalists.

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour Annie S. Hawks, Robert Lowry,
Arr. Mark Hayes

10:30 Worship- Children and Families: Did you get your activity bag at the door?

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.

Opening Music

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Blake Hopes, Organ

***Call to Worship Solo: Susan Glosan**

Solo/Choir:

Let us be drawn in

Let your love be a given

Let us be drawn in

To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin'

Let us be drawn in

Leader: All creation began with the dream of God, the will and intention for life to exist in the void. All of our actions are born out of desire, out of a dream and vision for the future. This is

our birthright: to imagine and to create. What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way? What you create out of that answer is your greatest gift to the world and the way in which you are part of God's unfolding and ongoing creative dream!

Solo/Choir:

In the world of the driven
Let us be drawn in
Let your love be a given
Let us be drawn in
To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem
For the sake of the livin'
Let us be drawn in

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Creating God,
you called forth all that exists
in a moment of divine brilliance.
Open us again to that spark which you ignited
in each of us at our creation
so that we might generate more life-giving
energy in this world.
Draw us into your story of hope.
Give us the courage to dream.
Amen.**

Affirming and Connecting: Passing God's Love and Peace

Leader: What holds us back from the joy of our creativity? Social activist Dorothy Day said, "God is our Creator. God made us in God's image and likeness. Therefore we are creators... The joy of creativeness should be ours." Sometimes what holds us back is not believing that we ARE a child of God. Many of us think "oh, I'm not 'creative'!"

Hear the Good News!

Know that you are creative simply because you were created by God! As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and find out what they like to create—it could be typically artistic like writing or painting—but it could also be something like baking, fixing the car,

playing with the kids, decorating the house, making someone smile, or the things you do in your work. What do you like to make in this world?

We'll take a little bit longer for our Passing of the Peace in this series so feel free to have some conversation with your neighbor about this.

(We are not encouraging hand shaking at this time. Please smile and wave at those around you as well as have conversation.)

10:30 Worship

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward for a gift from Ms. Tiffany and the church. If you brought your backpack bring it forward. Wear your mask, please.

8 and 10:30

BLESSING

Will all students of all ages, educators, and anyone working in schools or in education please stand?

Leader: Scripture tells us that Jesus was a learner. As a child, he grew just as we grow, gaining years and gaining wisdom. As he learned, he won God's approval and made friends. As we begin a new school year, we remember that God has given us the ability to learn many things.

All: Learning is a gift from God. We are meant to love God with our whole selves: body, heart, spirit, and mind.

Leader: Scripture also tells us that Jesus was a teacher. When he saw the crowds that followed him, his compassionate response was to teach them and walk with them through life.

All: Teaching is a calling from God. We give God thanks for those who teach, guide, and lead our children and all of us.

Leader: We ask God to bless our schools and teachers. We ask God to bless our classmates. We ask God to bless our

principals, administrators, aides, counselors, and school staffs. We ask God to bless those who prepare our meals, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean. We give thanks to God for books and computers and all the tools that help us learn.

All: We give thanks to God for the gift of learning! May all of us be blessed as we grow in our faith and discipleship.

We're collecting school supplies and backpacks through September 26th for local families and agencies. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Children return to sit with their families.

**Education Hour for All Ages – Resumes on
September 26 9:15-10:15am
Children's Church – Resumes October 3 during 10:30am
Worship for ages 3-grade 5.**

An Imaginative Word

"There is a Vitality"

by Martha Graham

"There is a vitality, a life-force,
an energy, a quickening
that is translated through you into action.
And because there is only one of you in all of time,
this expression is unique.
And if you block it... the world will not have it.
It is not your business to determine how good it is
nor how valuable nor how it compares with other expressions.
It is your business to keep it yours clearly and directly,
to keep the channel open...
whether you choose to take an art class,
keep a journal,
record your dreams,
dance your story
or live each day from your own creative source.
Above all else, keep the channel open!"

The Reading of Scripture

Luke 4:13-21

“Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath, he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, ‘Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.’”

The Message

The Sky’s the Limit!

Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

Leader: If you are comfortable doing so, close your eyes for just a moment so you can do some visualizing. Breathe in slowly. Let your breath out slowly.

Again: in..... out.....

Try to imagine that your stresses, your anxieties, your deadlines, are rolling off your head, down your shoulders, down your arms, and falling away to the floor.

See a blue sky above you. An incredible sunny, blue-sky day.

When you think of “the sky’s the limit,” what do you imagine? What would you do if you could dream up *anything* for this town, this world, this community?

I Dream of A Church (vs. 2) by Mark Miller

ALL: (SPOKEN)

O God, fill our hearts to reach out in welcome,
make us to see your vision once more.

Let's dream of a world where our hands are your
hands, we offer ourselves, O God, make it so.

Make it so, make it so!

We pray for the day, make it so.

We dream of a world where Love reigns among us
and your will is done, O God, make it so.

ALL: (spoken)

Make it so, make it so!

We pray for the day, make it so.

We dream of a world where Love reigns among us
and your will is done, O God, make it so.

**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.**

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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!

Leader: “This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering. May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane, as the way that you contribute goodness to the world, creating more life, more joy, more love.”

ALL: Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!

Music Offering

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Erneueren Gesangbuch

The Blessing

One: May the joy of soaring birds be yours. May the peace of star-filled nights be yours. May the hope of sprouting seeds be yours. May the strength of flowing rivers be yours. May God’s love for all creation be yours. Amen.

Postlude

He Giveth More Grace / No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus
Arr. Mark Hayes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,987.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.- July)	\$212,392.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.- July)	\$212,064.00
Change from Last Year	+ .2%
Budget (July)	\$29,540.00
Actual (July)	\$25,546.00
Giving vs. Budget	-13.5%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food	
Last Week:	\$50
Total YTD:	3,146 lbs, \$502

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In honor of Grandparents day in loving memory of Eleanor and Norman Peters and Iva Kern from Ann

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.

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