

Sneaker Stoll/ CROP Walk Sunday, October 10, 2021 8am and 10:30am Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God Week 5: Re-Integrate

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

One of our core values as a church is extravagant welcome and hospitality. We believe in God's inclusive love. No matter who you are or where you on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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: Sue Steinmann, 10:30: Janice Metzger Ushers: 8am: Tom Anderson, Linda Anderson, Larry Todd

10:30am: Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metz-

ger, Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy

Sound: Pat Sorg

Acolytes: Emily Glosan

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PRELUDE

In the Garden C. Austin Miles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Music

Just A Closer Walk

Call to Worship Solo: Lucy Boyer

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

Leverything that is created is in relationship with all other things. God's vision for birds had to do with the quality of the creation of air. How a song is experienced by those who sing it will change the composer's perception of the song or even the song itself. Nothing exists in isolation. So too for our relationships with others. What happens for humanity is closely related to how we respond to each other. Are we willing to

reintegrate, re-vise, re-vision our lives as we come in contact with others who are not like us? New possibilities await if we are willing to offer ourselves fully and be willing to be changed by our interactions

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Let us pray together:

ALL: Re-integrating God, you created us for relationship with you and others. Open us to be changed as we encounter the diversity of your children. Draw us into your love. Give us the courage to reach out in love. Amen.

Affirming and Connecting: Passing God's Love and Peace

What contributes to *dis-integration* of the world rather than re-integration of all things into beloved and supportive community?

Theologian Don Saliers says of creativity, "...holy play asks of us vulnerability to grace and to one another." Sometimes fear of making ourselves vulnerable keeps us isolated, unforgiving and without the playmates we need to create the love the world so desperately needs.

Hear the Good News!

We were made for each other, we were made for relationship, we have only to choose to say "yes" to God's invitation to participate fully in the life and love of community.

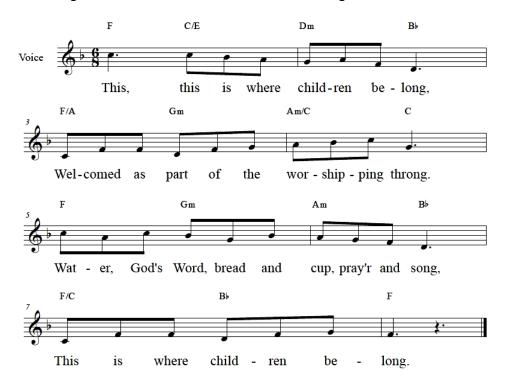
As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbors and as you wave, smile, or share an air high five, affirm your connection by saying, "Yes!"

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 have conversation.)

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

Children's Church
Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for Children's Church (in the basement).
Song: This, This is Where Children Belong



Parents and Families – your children will return to you in the

sanctuary by the end of worship. If the timing doesn't match and worship is longer than Children's Church, please meet them in Room 7 in the Basement (the Preschool Rooms).

An Imaginative Word

"Eat Inspiration Like Dinner" by Renhui Moon

Everyone eats inspiration like a fancy dinner What's in it that makes it so much desired? Is it the unusual ingredients it contains Or the soaring power it promises? Is it the trendy colors it possesses Or the music it orchestrates inside us? Is it the delicious taste it offers Or the harmony when we are aligned? It is both and all We are created to create And must be inspired!

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-19

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?"

The Message

Canning Salmon and Body Parts Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

Lif 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.

This week I want to invite you to see in your mind's eye the people who have helped you create the life you live. Recall the mentors, teachers, friends, family—those in the past and those who are your collaborators in life now. Could you have done it without them? No, of course not. And we will continue to need creative collaborators in life. What are the names of people in your life for whom you give thanks to God?

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)
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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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<u>OFFERING ENVELOPES</u> you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

<u>ELECTRONIC GIVING</u> 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

Go to http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/ and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

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<u>United Way</u> has kicked off it's campaigns and it is time to make your designations. If your company matches funds, this is a great time to add Union UCC to your giving. Please work with your HR or Personnel departments to include us in this year's campaign. Thanks in advance for your generous support!

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!

L"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

As the Deer Martin Nystrom

The Blessing

LMay you see the unfolding of each day, as an opportunity to be a Co-Creator with God.

As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel his company leading you toward creating more kindness, justice and mercy.

May you know the nudge of the Creative Spirit within, "making belief" in all you are and do.

Let Us Be Drawn In - Reprise

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Postlude

More Love to Thee, O Christ William H. Doane

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$6,406.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan Aug.)	\$244,800.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan Aug.)	\$237,616.00
Change from Last Year	+3.0%
Budget (July-Aug.)	\$61,840.00
Actual (July-Aug.)	\$57,955.00
Giving vs. Budget	-6.3%
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food		
Bank:		
Last	470lbs, \$25	
Week:		
Total	3,886 lbs, \$547	
YTD:		

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News: In memory of Gordon Rothrock by daughters Lucille Kuhns, Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz, and families.

Be a sponsor for \$20, send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or \$8 for Children's Bulletin.

Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.

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