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# Sunday, October 24, 2021 8am and 10:30am

**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.

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.

Lay Reader: 8:00 Rose Snyder, 10:30 Lucille Kuhns Ushers: 8am: Cliff James, Carol James, Patricia Warmkessel 10:30am: Carrington Smith, Jim Lane, Jason Klinger, Susan Smith, Al Stubbmann, Teri Fekula, Karen Misera Sound: Doug Albert Acolytes: 8am: Miranda Brown, 10:30am:Emily Glosan

# 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.

**PRELUDE** Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Opening Music**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

### **Call to Worship**

(L)Come, friends. Come and experience God's goodness with all your being. Taste, and touch, see, and hear, smell, and wonder, know, and believe. Know that in this place God will hear the cries of every voice and every heart. Come, and let us proclaim together the goodness of our God.

### **Opening Prayer**

Loving God, we come to this place seeking healing, seeking new life, and seeking wholeness. Help us to throw off the cloaks of our limited imaginations, that we might find ourselves forever in your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Solo Response: 8am: Heritage Choir , 10:30am Susan Glosan Somlandela/We Will Follow Zulu/Traditional

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him. We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Wherever he leads us we will follow.

#### Passing God's Love and Peace

Whoever you are and where ever you are on life's journey and faith's journey,

#### **C**You are welcome here.

(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).

## Scripture Mark 10:46–52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

#### Job 42:1-6, 10-17 - a reading

#### The Message

What do you want me to do for you? Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson

#### Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

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. Solo Response Precious Lord, Take My Hand Susan Glosan

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my Hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## 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 <a href="http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf">http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf</a> and send to financialmanager@unionucc.org DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card Go to <a href="http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/">http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/</a> and click GIVE ONLINE. AMAZON SMILE Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip

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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!

### OFFERING PRAYER

We hear the call of Jesus to rise; we hear the call of Jesus to be well. We hear the call of Jesus to follow; we hear the call of Jesus to care. May God bless these gifts and our giving and the ministries and missions and people the support.

## MUSIC OFFERING

8am:Spirit of God Nancy Price & Don Besig 10:30am: How Great Thou Art Carl Gustav Boberg

## The Blessing

Friends, cry out to be heard, giving voice to yours and others' needs.
In all you say and do, seek the kindness of Christ and follow with your whole heart.
Be filled with Spirit and be led into the daily challenges of life by Spirit's rare and enduring beauty.
Go in peace, and live into wholeness, now and always.

## **Response Reprise**

Somlandela/We Will Follow Zulu/Traditional

Congregation/All: We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him. We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Wherever he leads us we will follow.

### Postlude

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Tune: Morecambe, Frederick C. Atkinson

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,863.00
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		
Last	160lbs, \$50	
Total YTD:	4,046 lbs, \$597	

## Presentations to the Glory of God

# Spread the Good News:

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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