

Sunday, October 31, 2021 8am and 10:30am Honoring All Saints

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

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 Carol Pope

10:30 Tamii Wassum Sound: Mike Baer

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.

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.

Congregational singing resumes in November.

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

The focus is on opening for Sunday Worship, Sunday programming (Education Hour, Confirmation, High School, Adults) and Neffs Preschool (Weekday), Funerals (Luncheons, as schedule and volunteers allow) and Weddings Resume, Open Building to Church Groups and Committees, Resume with Zoom option

The plan at this time is to keep the building locked during the week, probably through the Fall, with a long term goal of upgrading our security system to enable visitors to communicate from the door.

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken & O Worship the King Arr. Bill George

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Music

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Call to Worship

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies, ALL: we come to be your people, O God. Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, ALL: we come to be your people, O God. Leader: Filled with saintly determination

yet mindful of our human limitations,

ALL: we come to be your people, O God. Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us,

we know ourselves to be yours and

ALL: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving God, Mother and Father of all people, we open our hearts to you and the life you give. Help us to breathe in deeply of your wild and wonderful spirit and inspire us with your presence so that we might be at peace with all of who we are, and more fully become the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Solo Response: 8am: Heritage Choir, 10:30am Horizon 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,
- ©You are welcome here.

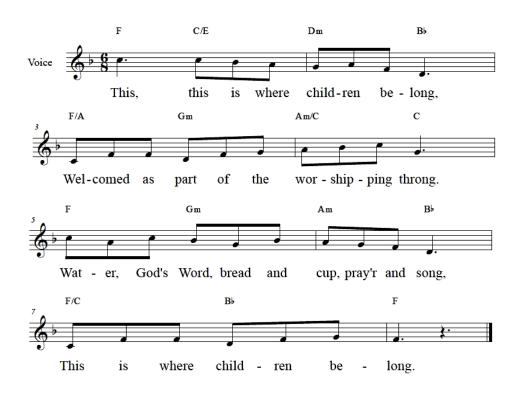
(We are not encouraging hand shaking at this time. Please smile and wave at those around you as well have conversation.)

10:30 Worship Full Armor of God KidSpring Worship **Kids Choir**

No Children's Church this week

Church Family Worship.

Song: This, This is Where Children Belong



Scripture The Gospel According to Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other';

33 and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and "to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Message

Susan Glosan, member and seminary student at Moravian Theological Seminary

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THEIR ETERNAL REST SINCE November 1, 2020-October 31, 2021

Today we remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals.

We name them:

Leona Baer Gary Kern Tilghman Leverington Charlotte Becker Melvin Mertz Jim Baum Richard Blose Robert Smith Larry Pruneski Renee Strauss **Andrew Howett** Harry Burger Beth Dymond Paul Tomlin Frank Schiavone John Fels Kay McCray Earl Cathers Patricia Kothenbeutel Ann Fortney Eleanor Kistler Kevin Grim Ty Stofflet **Dorothy George**

Moment of Silence We pause to remember others in our lives who have passed this year, as well as those who have passed other years who we still mourn and celebrate.

Funds of Lasting Gifts and Memorial Fund We pause to give thanks for those individuals and families that have given these funds in order to remember their loved one and support the mission and ministry of God's church here.

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

8am: Amazing Grace Heritage Choir 1030am: The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte Ronda Gerry

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found T'was blind but now I see.

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.

<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

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.

<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

Leader: Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight.

MUSIC OFFERING

8am: Be Thou My Vision Dallan Forgaill, Slane (Arr. Alice

Parker)

1030: Redeemer and King Bryan Powell & Stan Pethel

Horizon Choir

The Blessing

Leader: Renewed and refreshed we step out into the world, ready to turn towards God in every moment. And may God's blessings shower upon us through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. Amen.

Response Reprise

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.

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign Tune: Duke Street, John Hatton

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,756.00
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	160lbs, \$50	
Week:		
Total	4,046 lbs, \$597	
YTD:		

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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