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Drawn In:
Living the
Creative Life
with God

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8am and 10:30am

**Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God
Week 4: LISTEN**

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 are 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: Maggie Cygan , 10:30: Chrissy Chivock
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
Acolytes: Everett Lightner

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

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Joseph M. Scriven,
Charles C. Converse

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Music

Be Thou My Vision Irish fold melody

Call to Worship Solo: Olivia Rice

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: "Listening" as part of creativity is about perceiving. We open our senses to see what is emerging. Perhaps what we start doesn't end up looking like what we thought it would. Instead, once the act of creating begins, we listen to how the Spirit is guiding our next steps and unfolding possibilities we

were previously unaware of. Without paying attention in this way, we act as if we have all the answers. And when we are up against something that doesn't go our way, we see it as a negative. But what if those moments are simply Co-Creator God inviting us to see new ways of moving forward in our lives?

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Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Co-Creating God,
you sometimes present us with different plans.
Open us to the idea that you might have something in
store for us
that we have not previously been able to imagine.
Draw us into your surprises.
Give us the courage to get out of our own mold.
Amen.**

Affirming and Connecting: Passing God's Love and Peace

Leader: What gets us "stuck" in the creative process? Creativity expert Adriana Diaz said, "Creativity is a combination of making something happen and letting something happen..."

Sometimes we get stuck because we are working too hard to make something happen when what we also need to do is let something unfold—to perceive that which is yearning to come to the surface if we will just let it.

Hear the Good News!

God is the one who sets the boundaries of what is possible and those boundaries are not fixed, but defined by ever-new possibilities of growth. Part of the creative process is to let go and let God show us what is bubbling to the surface of our lives.

As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbors and encourage them this way, "Stay open."

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
Children's Time

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

An Imaginative Word

Crockett Johnson, "Harold and the Purple Crayon"

One evening, after thinking it over for some time,
Harold decided to go for a walk in the moonlight.

But there wasn't any moon,
and Harold needed a moon for a walk in the moonlight.

And he needed something to walk on.

[Using his crayon], he made a long straight path
so he wouldn't get lost

and set off on his walk taking his big purple crayon with him.
But he didn't seem to be getting anywhere on the long straight
path

So he left the path for a short cut across a field.
And the moon went with him.

The Reading of Scripture

Acts 16:6-15

“They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.”

The Message

Shhh Listen

Pastor Kayli Freeman

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.

This week I want to invite you to simply listen for a moment. See if you can identify the softest sound in the room that you can hear. If hearing is difficult for you, open your eyes and look for some detail you have never, ever noticed in this space before [pause] Now notice what you had to do to listen past the louder sounds or to look closely enough to notice something new. Did you “lean in?” Not necessarily with your body, but with your awareness? Did you quiet your own breathing for a moment? What does it take to really notice something other than the obvious, or the things that vie for our attention? Take a moment to write on the piece of construction paper you were given when you came in. It can be a word, a phrase, or whole sentences expressing what you saw or heard or perhaps it is some new “aha” that has come to you today that you hadn’t thought of before.

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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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!

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

L: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You should have received communion elements when you arrived at the welcome table with a cracker and grape juice, or if you are joining us from home, we invite you to grab a piece of bread or a cracker and some juice/wine or water.

Leader: One of the most creative things Jesus did in his ministry was to draw people into fellowship around a meal. His actions were "out of the box" in terms of *who* he dined with. Perhaps he sensed that when the food

and drink is filling our bodies, people's guard come down just a little bit and they see their common humanity in their common hungry tummies. Perhaps it is a good model for us to think about how *church* could sometimes get out of the box we put it in.

So we come to the table to be reminded of this radical, hospitable, creative Jesus that we follow. And we follow his example—welcoming all who are hungry for love, for fellowship, for connection, for inspiration, for new life.

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

L: Lift up your spirits in celebration of God's love!

ALL: We lift them up to God!

L: Let us give thanks and praise!

ALL: We put ourselves ALL IN!

Leader: God set in motion the grandest creativity project of all—

light where there was no light,

waters and land,

creatures on foot and wing,

beauty and laughter.

And God called it good.

Out of that goodness we came.

Imbued with the gifts of the Creator,

we were invited to begin our lives of creating:

making, building, planting, crafting, fashioning.

Sometimes we got sidetracked

and forgot this true calling.

We destroyed instead of built up.

But you, God, kept repairing our lives,

calling us again into the joy of relationship with you.

And so we proclaim our praise with the saints of all time and place, repeating after me:

L: Holy Holy Creating God!

ALL: Holy Holy Creating God!

L: Everywhere we see your glory!

ALL: Everywhere we see your glory!

L: Blessed are they who are drawn in

ALL: Blessed are they who are drawn in

L: Singing the heart song of love!

ALL: Singing the heart song of love!

Leader: Your creativity knows no bounds and in the fullness of time

you came to us fashioned in our own flesh and blood.

In sending Jesus you created human and holy connection and showed us what love looks like in public:

preaching good news to the poor,

proclaiming release to the captives

recovering sight to the blind,

setting at liberty those who are oppressed.

JESUS' WORDS AT HIS LAST SUPPER

Leader: Jesus promised to continue this work through a new covenant of creativity—

sending his Spirit to remain and move in and through us.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.”

And so, what shall we do?

Repeat after me:

L: We will break ourselves open

ALL: We will break ourselves open

L: We will pour ourselves out

ALL: We will pour ourselves out

L: In food for the hungry

ALL: In food for the hungry

L: And love for the stranger

ALL: And love for the stranger

L: Just as Christ offered all

ALL: Just as Christ offered all

L: So too shall we

ALL: So too shall we

L: We will rise to new life

ALL: We will rise to new life

L: And commit to create

ALL: And commit to create

Blessing

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us in this moment so that we might know your presence and power in our lives.

Make us one so that we can co-create your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

Let this bread and fruit of the vine fill us with your Spirit for the work and play of loving creation and each other fully.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*** BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things

are ready.

SHARING THE MEAL

L: Take and eat. Take and drink. Amen.

Music Offering

More Than Wonderful

Lanny Wolfe

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Holy Hospitable God,
we give you thanks for what you have created in this
moment of our sharing:
more connection to you in answering Jesus' invitation to the
table, more connection to each other as we shared in the
common elements, and more connection to the world as
we made our vows to share this abundant grace in the
world. Amen.

The Blessing

Leader: May 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Gordon)

Adoniram J. Gordon (Tune:

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$10,048.00
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 Bank:	
Last Week:	120lbs, \$20
Total YTD:	3,416 lbs, \$522

Presentations to the Glory of God

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

In Celebration of 50 years of marriage! Denise & Kathleen Foster.

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.

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