

# Sunday, November 14, 2021 8am and 10:30am 401G Sunday – Rooted in Love

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 Ron Pope, 10:30 Leah Seyler

Ushers: 8:00 Tom Anderson, Linda Anderson, Larry Todd

10:30 Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger,

Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy Sound: Dawn Dengler

Acolyte:

### **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**

Oh, How I Love Jesus

**Traditional Melody** 

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Opening Music**

#448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)

## **Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us give thanks to God.

Response: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak and hears the prayers of the forgotten.

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ.

Response: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are empty, who hunger, who are alone at this time of year.

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit.

Response: We gather together to exalt the One who prompts us to love, not only our family and friends, but the guests among us.

## **Opening Prayer**

Leader: O God, you are the source of our life and the hope of our hearts. We are filled with wonder and we worship you. Every living cell of this universe is filled with your Spirit and every moment of our lives is full of your life-giving presence. You amaze us. Our desire for you is unending. In this time of worship accept our praise, and open us to experience the challenge of your word. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

# Solo Response:

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.

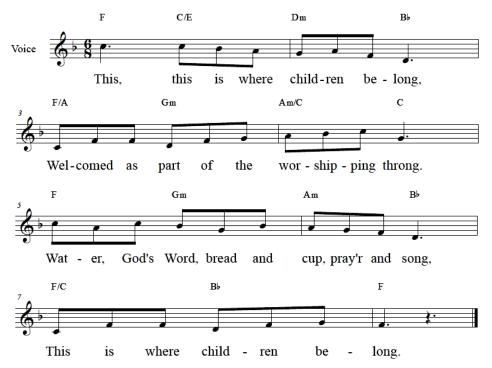
## **Passing God's Love and Peace**

- 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 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).

### **MUSIC OFFERING**

8:00- Because You are God's Chosen One's G. Alan Smith Heritage Choir

10:30- I Need Thee Every Hour Anne S. Hawks & Robert Lowry Arr. Gary W. Matthews Horizon Choir

### **Scripture**

Psalm 1: 3a They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Matthew 6: 21 But store up for yourself treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Message 401G Sunday: Rooted in Love

Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team – Don Penrod,

Marianne Kitzmiller, Phil Wehr

Other team members include: Aften Hamm, John Harting,

Larry Todd, Rick Klingensmith

# Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus Music Offering My Shepherd...Blake Hoppes

I/We make the faith-promise to support God's ministry and mission at Union UCC, in my/our life, and in the world by creating a diverse spiritual portfolio of discipleship and faithful living.

In a 401K one invests resources for the future and retirement. In a 401G (G=God) we are investing in our spiritual lives hoping for short and long term returns, on earth as in heaven. What G's will be the focus of your investment of your time, energy, love, schedule, finances, resources in the next quarter? What do you need to invest in more deeply to create a more complete portfolio?

Pick 1 or 2 areas to commit to in reflection, prayer, and

practice. Where are your strengths in your spiritual portfolio? Where do you hope to see growth?

\_\_ G = Good \_\_\_ G=Generosity \_\_\_ G=Gifts \_\_ G= Grace \_\_\_ G= Gold \_\_\_ G= Grit & Grind \_\_ G= Gratitude \_\_\_ G=Goals \_\_\_ G= God

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.

## **Sung Response**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

### All:

1.You have come down to the lakeshore Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only asking for me to follow. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, Kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I've abandoned my small boat; Now with you, I will seek other seas.

2.You need my hands, my exhaustion, Working love for the rest of the weary, A love that's willing to go on loving. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, Kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I've abandoned my small boat; Now with you, I will seek other seas.

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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

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Go to http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-

sponsorship/ways-to-give/ and click GIVE ONLINE.

<u>AMAZON SMILE</u> Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a>.

<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: Thank you, O God, for this opportunity to share our resources to strengthen your work in this world. Create in us open and eager hearts to do your work. We offer you these gifts along with our commitment to change the world as you would have us do. Amen

### **MUSIC OFFERING**

For the Beauty of the Earth Phillip Keveren, Kent Hooper, Michelle Swift Lucy Boyer, soloist

## The Blessing

Leader: Go to where God calls you to bring gospel hope, trusting that the love of God will last forever, the grace of Jesus Christ will never fail, and the presence of the Holy Spirit will never leave you.

Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

# **Response Reprise**

Somlandela/We Will Follow Zulu/Traditional

We will follow, we will follow Jesus.

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### **Postlude**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

George C. Stebbins

### EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

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

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	46
10:30 am (includes children)	129
Children's Church	29

2021 Donations to the		
Northern Lehigh Food		
Bank:		
Last	150lbs	
Week:		
Total	4,196 lbs, \$597	
YTD:		

## Presentations to the Glory of God

# Spread the Good News:

Giving God thanks for your generosity in supporting God's ministry and mission here.
-Pastor Kris

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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