

Sunday, November 21, 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 Sue Steinmann, 10:30 Eric Minnich Ushers: 8am: Brad Hackett, Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross 10:30am : Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl, Maryann Puia, Eric Minnich Sound: Mike Baer, Pat Sorg Acolyte: 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.

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.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

We Plow the Fields and Scatter Jazz Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Hymn

#419 Now Thank We All Our God (verses 1-3 English) Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)

Call to Worship

One: We gather now to give thanks to our God, All: Whose steadfast love endures forever. One: We lift up our hearts, our prayers and praise to God, All: Whose steadfast love endures forever. One: We reflect and ponder the word and wisdom of God, All: Whose steadfast love endures forever. One: We join together as followers of Jesus Christ, All: Whose steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of life. 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 Music Offering Inside My Heart Children's Choir

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).

Scripture

Psalm 25: 1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Message

Monsters under the bed!!!

Pastor Kris Snyder– Samuelson

Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus

Poet: I lift all that I am to you, O God. I put all my trust in you. Voice of God: My love for you is steadfast and faithful.

Poet: Lead me in your truth and teach me.

Voice of God: I show you my ways and teach you my paths.

Poet: Your mercy has been with me from the beginning.

Voice of God: I always remember you; I always wait for you. Poet: Although I may look back at my mistakes with shame, I

ask you not to.

Voice of God: My love for you will always remain.

Poet: O God, your love is steadfast and faithful. You keep your promises and all that you have declared.

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 #392 Come, Ye Thankful People,

Come Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God) ALL: Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home; All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin: God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

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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

Leader: God of mercy, of hope, of promise: accept these gifts we offer to you, in thanksgiving for all that you have done for us. You journey with us wherever we go, and you promise to bring us into new days and new ways. We dedicate our gifts and service to you. Amen.

401G Faith Commitment Card

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, diverse, balanced discipleship portfolio?

Pick 1 or 2 areas to commit to in reflection, prayer, and practice. See key for some questions and definitions. *

_____G = Good _____G=Generosity _____G=Gifts ____G= Grace ____G= Gold _____G=Grit & Grind _____G= Gratitude _____G=Goals _____G= God

*401G Key to Investing in Loving God, Neighbor, & Self Wholeheartedly:

G= Good - do good/serve, create goodness, notice goodness.

G = Grace - receive and share God's grace.

G= Gratitude - express gratitude to God and others.

G= Generosity - give and love with your whole heart and life.

G= Gold - money, resources, treasures, material goods.

G = Goals - hopes and dreams, God's dream and mission.

G = Gifts—talents, friendship, compassion, kindness, love, fruits of the spirit, your passions and the world's needs intersect.

G = Grit and Grind - perseverance, patience, hope, trust, courage, strength, growth, meaning, purpose.

G=God - worship, prayer, meditation, study, relationship.

· Look at your calendar, bank statements, credit card bills—what do they reveal about your investments?

· Where are the incomes and debits in your life?



For where your treasure is, your heart will be also. Matt 6: 21

MUSIC OFFERING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit Jazz Ensemble

The Blessing

Leader: One more day to serve. One more hour to love. One more minute to praise. For this day I am grateful. If I awaken to the morning sun, I am grateful. – Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB

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

Hymn

#392 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Gold Hymnal (Hymns for the Family of God)

Postlude

Hyfrydol

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble: Blake Hoppes-piano, Mike Baer-guitar, Dawn Dengler-drums, Malcolm Mackenzie-Bass, Mitchell Roth-Trumpet

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		
Last Week	\$5,768.00	
Calendar 2021 (Jan Oct.)	\$302,292.00	
Calendar 2020 (Jan Oct.)	\$295,013.00	
Change from Last Year	+2.5%	
Budget (July-Oct.)	\$119,270.00	
Actual (July-Oct.)	\$115,293.00	
Giving vs. Budget	-6.3%	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	52
10:30 am (includes children)	66
Children's Church	14

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food		
Bank:		
Last	1000lbs, \$50	
Week:		
Total	5,196 lbs, \$647	
YTD:		

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News:

Happy Birthday to Our Pastor Kayli on Thanksgiving Day! From Carolyn Barry

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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