

Sunday, November 7, 2021 8am and 10:30am Veterans Honored 10:30am Baptism

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 Jacob Roth, 10:30 Doug Kuntz Ushers: 8:00 Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Kerry Snyder

10:30 Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat

Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzann Schneider

Sound: Doug Albert

Acolyte: 10:30 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.

PRELUDE

Jacob Roth, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Music

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn) Jacob Roth, organ Mitchell Roth & Emily Walsh, trumpet

Call to Worship

Leader: Let's praise God together.

Response: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: A poor one called, and God heard her; God saved

her from her troubles.

Response: The eyes of God are on the helpless, and God's ears are attentive to their cries.

Leader: I sought God, and God answered me; God

delivered me from my fears.

Response: Those who look to God are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Leader: Taste and see that God is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in God.

Response: God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Leader: Let's worship God together. Response: Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together

ALL: Unless it is you, Redeeming One, who works within and among us, our efforts are for nothing. May we find rest in your presence for our anxious and overworked lives. And from the center of this peace, may we become mindful of a deep joy and happiness for the gifts of life around us: for laughter and friendship, food that sustains and delights, hospitality expressed and received, and for each generation. 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.

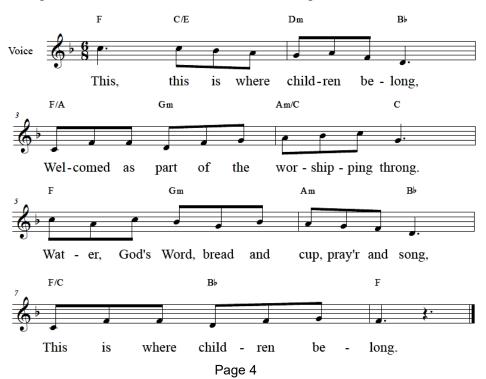
Passing God's Love and Peace

- 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).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 10:30am

Names of Children and Parents and Sponsors:

Cooper Wade Selig—Tara (Dwyer) Selig and Justin Selig Sponsors: Kaleigh Dwyer and Brandon Selig

Calla Tamsin Brandle—Sarah (Goldman) Brandle and Sean Brandle

Sponsors: Kristin and Jeffrey Lambert *We'll celebrate after worship

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
C: We promise our love, support and care.

ACT OF BAPTISM

GIFTS AND BLESSING

Scripture

Mark 12:41-44

- **41** He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.
- **42** A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.
- **43** Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.
- **44** For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

LITANY FOR VETERANS

L: God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

C: We pray and give thanks for those among us that are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the families of those that are currently serving.

L: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all who serve, serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

C: We pray and give thanks for those among us that have served in the military in the past.

L: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

C: We pray and give thanks for those among us who have lost a loved one in war.

L: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.

All: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace. Amen.

*During this song, please stand when the song from your branch of the service begins. You are also invited to stand to represent someone in your family.

Veterans Dedication

Patriotic Medley Arr. Amy Potter

U.S. Air Force: The U.S. Air Force Song

U.S. Army: The Army Goes Rolling Along

U.S. Navy: Anchors Aweigh

U.S. Marines: The Marine's Hymn

U.S. Coast Guard: Semper Paratus

Blake Hoppes, Piano

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.

Music

8am My Lord is Like a Shepherd Lani Smith, Arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. Heritage Choir

10:30am Here I Am to Worship / My Jesus, I Love Thee Tim Hughes, William R. Featherstone & Adoniram J. Gordon Arr. Larry Shackley High School Choir

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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.

<u>ELECTRONIC GIVING</u> This is a great time to try e-giving! Choose a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be

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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: May these gifts be multiplied as we conceive of God's abundant love and give birth to the ways of love and justice in our world. Amen.

MUSIC OFFERING

Battle Hymn of the Republic Mitchell Roth & Emily Walsh, trumpet

The Blessing

Leader: Restored in spirit, may we take new risks in serving others. Renewed in body and mind, may we join God in creating justice for all. Secured in new hope, may we live with joy into the future. Go in love to give birth to love, carrying hope into all the world. Amen.

Response Reprise

Somlandela/We Will Follow Zulu/Traditional

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We will follow, we will follow him.

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Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		
Last Week	\$10,545.0 0	
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	44
10:30 am (includes children)	118
Children's Church	28

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:

In memory of Velma Wehr from Phil and Julie

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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