



JANUARY 2,
2022

10:30 WORSHIP

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: Our next new member gatherings are Sunday, February 13 and 20 at 9:15-10:15 in Memorial Hall. Joining would happen on Sunday, February 27th at 8am or 10:30am worship. To share your questions and interest in learning more contact 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: Doug Kuntz

Ushers: 10:30am : Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzann Schneider

Sound: Dawn Dengler

***Please stand in body or spirit**

PRELUDE

Abide with Me

Henry F. Lyte

Jacob Roth

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn #517 I Need You Every Hour (New Century Hymnal)**

***Call to Worship** (written by Tim Graves, and posted on his blog **LiturgyBits: Little bits for worship.** <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com/>)

Leader: We waited.

ALL: And imagined a savior.

Leader: We imagined power.

ALL: One like the world but stronger and on our side.

Leader: We imagined a king on a white horse wielding a sword.

ALL: We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

Leader: We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.

ALL: We receive a baby who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.

Leader: Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.

ALL: Praise to the wisdom of love. Amen!

***Opening Prayer** (from the website of **Grace Church in Ealing, London.** <http://www.freshworship.org/>)

Leader: In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world. We are seeking light. In our own lives

ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In our neighborhoods

ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In our families
ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In our work
ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In Grace
ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In our nation
ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: In our world
ALL: We are seeking light

Leader: Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door will be opened
Ask and it will be given to you

**ALL: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world
May we have eyes to see you
And ears to hear you
Come into our world today
Amen**

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

L: Whoever you are and where ever you are on life's
journey and faith's journey,
C: **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.)**

Children's Time

**Church Family Worship, Children's Church will return
January 9, 2022**

Song: This, This is Where Children Belong
Congregation/ All:

The musical score is written for a voice part in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The lyrics are: "This, this is where child-ren be - long,". The second line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The lyrics are: "Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng." The third line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The lyrics are: "Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,". The fourth line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The lyrics are: "This is where child - ren be - long." The score includes chord symbols above the notes: F, C/E, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, Am/C, C, F, Gm, Am, Bb, F/C, Bb, and F.

Scripture

The Gospel of John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know

him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Message

What If We Said No

Pastor Kayli Freeman

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.**

Prayer Response

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

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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!

OFFERING PRAYER (Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Liturgy Outside**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>)

Leader: May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

MUSIC OFFERING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas A. Dorsey

Mitchell Roth, Trumpet, Jacob Roth, Organ

The Blessing (Cara Heafey, UK. Posted on Worship Words at <http://worshipwords.co.uk/new-year-blessing-cara-heafey-uk/>)

Leader: Let us look for Christ wherever we go. Let us never stop seeking. Believing that there is a light that shines in the darkness, which the darkness shall not overcome. And may the love of the Creator, the joy of the

Spirit, and the peace of the Christ-child be with you this New Year, and evermore. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #473 Blessed Assurance (New Century Hymnal)**

Postlude

Praeludium in c

J.S. Bach

Jacob Roth

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$32,845.58
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-Nov)	\$333,115.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.-Nov.)	\$327,195.00
Change from Last Year	+1.8%
Budget (July-Nov.)	\$145,530.00
Actual (July-Nov.)	\$146,026.00
Giving vs. Budget	+0.3%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	N/A
10:30 am (includes children)	48
Children's Church	N/A

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	
Total YTD:	6,346 lbs, \$872

Christmas Mission to date: \$2,923.91
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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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