



**KNOWN
AND CALLED**

“OH LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME AND KNOWN ME. YOU KNOW WHEN I SIT DOWN AND WHEN I RISE UP; YOU DISCERN MY THOUGHTS FROM FAR AWAY. YOU SEARCH OUT MY PATH ANY MY LYING DOWN, AND ARE ACQUAINTED WITH ALL MY WAYS.” — PSALM 139:1-3

AFTER THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, WE MOVE INTO A SEASON OF HEARING THE STORIES OF PEOPLE DISCOVERING AND RECOGNIZING THE IDENTITY OF JESUS. IN THE TIME FROM EPIPHANY TO THE BEGINNING OF LENT, WE TOO WILL DISCOVER THE DEPTH OF WHO JESUS IS, AND BY EXTENSION WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE AS HIS FOLLOWERS.

HOW ARE WE KNOWN AS FOLLOWERS?
WHAT IDENTIFIES US IN SUCH A WAY THAT OTHERS SEE AN UNMISTAKABLE LIKENESS IN US?

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February 20, 2022
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: To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family, 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: 8:00 Rosalie Snyder, 10:30 Don Penrod
Ushers: 8:00: Brad Hackett, Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross
10:30am: Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl,
Maryann Puia, Eric Minnich
Sound: Karl Klinger

**Thank you for wearing a mask and practicing
social distancing.**

As you arrive, please visit the welcome tables to:

**1. Pick up a paper bulletin of the service or you can view it on
your phone at :**



**2. Share your offerings. 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. Check out Ways
to Give online and by text as well. Thank you for your gener-
ous hearts.**

Call in to listen to the service at 610-410-9595.

**Email Marissa at administrator@unionucc.org if you would
like a bulletin mailed to you.**

***Please stand in body or spirit**

PRELUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

John van de Laar's poem "Who Do I Say?" (© Sacredise 2015).

Who do I say You are, Jesus?

Sometimes I think I know, and I eagerly praise You,
I confess that I have learned to know God because of You,
I celebrate the fact that my life is fuller because of You,
I recognize that, at great cost,
You have made it possible for me
to have a second chance when I mess up my life,
and hurt those around me.

But, then sometimes I confuse You with others
that have helped me or challenged me;
Great teachers and writers, prophets and priests, parents and
authorities.

This can be helpful – sometimes they do point me to You;
but sometimes I can't see You through the image they present,
and my relationship with You gets blurred.

Sometimes I'm not sure if I know You at all;
I begin to get a sense of who You are,
but then, like Peter, I misunderstand Your mission,
or Your message, or what You really want from me.

Who do I say You are, Jesus?

You are the one I have come to love as God,
You are the one I am learning to recognize and
will give eternity to know,
You are the unfathomable mystery that is always beyond
my ability to understand;

You are the Christ, the Son of the Living
Amen.

The Peace

Leader: One of our core values is sharing God's extravagant grace. We welcome and encourage each other on this journey of faith by saying that no matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey,

ALL: You are welcome here.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Leader: As we rise and stand in body or spirit for the first song, I invite you to pass a "wave" of peace to the people around you (and the people worshiping at home)!

***Hymn: #547 Amazing Grace (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)**

- 1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear.
And grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

10:30 Worship Children's Time

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
Congregation/ All:

The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and has the lyrics 'This, this is where child-ren be - long,'. The second staff has the lyrics 'Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.' and a '3' above the first measure. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Dm, Bb for the first staff; F/A, Gm, Am/C, C for the second staff; and F, Gm, Am, Bb for the third line.

Voice

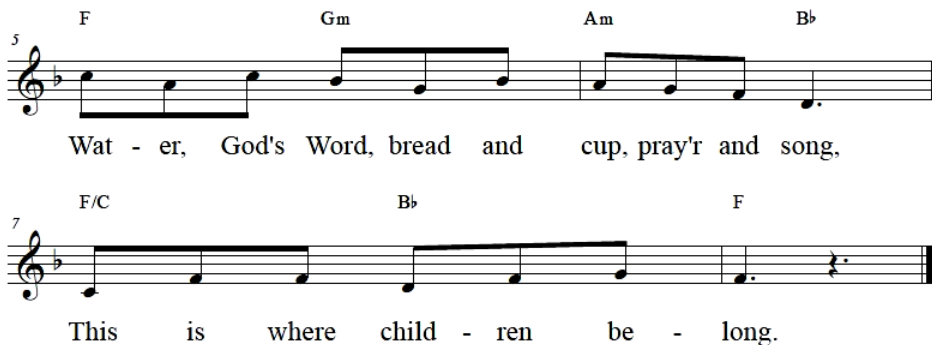
This, this is where child-ren be - long,

Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.

F C/E Dm Bb

F/A Gm Am/C C

F Gm Am Bb



5 F Gm Am Bb
 Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,

7 F/C Bb F
 This is where child - ren be - long.

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).

10:30 WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Mission Statement of Union UCC

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring a dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach within our community and the world.

Welcome and Reception (ALL in unison)

ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

New members being welcomed today: **Brynn and Jon Buskirk (Nolan, Reid, Wesley), Jessica Ellis (Grayson, Rhiannon), Pam Kelchner (Rick), Devon Reese Kuharik (John, Rowan), Barbara and Darrell Merkel, Sally and Dave Saltzer**

Scripture

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Message

Making Room

Pastor Kris

HYMN #179 We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)

**1. We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness
and for your healing touch;
Too long have we felt helpless;
our burdens seemed too much.
Forgetting all pretenses we make our pleadings heard,
In hope and expectation await your gracious word.**

**2. We long to have companions who travel by our side,
Strong friends to call and answer
with whom we are allied;
As we lift up each other when struggles lay us low,
Community develops, our faith and caring grow.**

**3. We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,
A presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful,
your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.**

Prayers of the People

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.**

**Response: #173 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
Verse 1**

**ALL: You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;

Kindly smiling,

You've called out my name.

**On the sand I have 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 <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and send to financialmanager@unionucc.org

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card

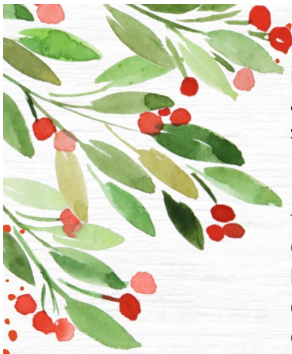
Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

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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!

401G Moment– Don Penrod



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?

Where will you invest this quarter?

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

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?

This card is for you. If you'd like a pastor or someone from the Financial Leadership Team to respond to you, please return it to the offering bin or the church office.

Name: _____

____ Please contact me about signing up for E-giving.

____ I would like to talk with someone about a planned gift or including the church in my will.

____ I have a question or concern, please have a pastor call me.

ROOTED IN LOVE!
From Pastor Kris and the
Financial Leadership Team: Don
Penrod, Marianne Kitzmiller,
John Harting, Rick Klingensmith,
Larry Todd, Aften Hamm,
Phil Wehr



MUSIC OFFERING

8:00 Heritage Choir

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rogers & Eric

Wyse, Arr. Bruce Greer

10:30 Horizon Choir

I'll Fly Away Medley

Arr. Joel Raney

Benediction

***Hymn #160 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)** Black Hymnal (New Century Hymnal)

ALL:

**Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the Christ-Child bring,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

Refrain:

**We will follow the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**2 Joyful, all you saints arise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

[Refrain]

**3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Word,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

[Refrain]

**4 Hail the bearer of God's Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world.**

[Refrain]

PRAYERS WITH A PASTOR

During the last piece of music, the postlude, those wishing to pray with a pastor or receive a blessing are invited to come to the railing and share their joys or concerns. The pastors will then offer a private prayer and blessing with you.

Pastors will continue to be masked and we will not be blessing with oil today.

Postlude

There is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,252.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.- Dec)	\$411,784.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.- Dec)	\$397,359.00
Change from Last Year	+3.6%
Budget (July-Dec.)	\$224,100.00
Actual (July-Dec.)	\$224,784.00
Giving vs. Budget	+0.3%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	30
10:30 am (includes children)	105
Children's Church	18

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	315lbs, \$10
Total YTD:	1105 lbs, \$60

Blanket Fund to Date:	\$1,654.00
Souper Bowl to Date:	\$480.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

In honor of Mission Committee from Phil and Julie Wehr

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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