



**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 27, 2022
8am and 10:30am
Baptism and Holy Communion

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 Ron Pope, 10:30 Dana Gaumer
Ushers: 8:00: Cliff James, Carol James, Patricia Warmkessel
10:30am: Carrington Smith, Jim Lane, Jason Klinger, Susan Smith, Al Stubbmann, Teri Fekula, Karen Misera
Sound: Mike Baer

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. Thank you for your generous 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.

TODAY we are celebrating communion.

Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.
Please pick up your supplies at the welcome table when you arrive.

If you are joining us from home, we invite you to get a piece of bread or a cracker and some juice/wine or water.

***Please stand in body or spirit**

PRELUDE

Nobody Know the Trouble I've Seen/ All Day, All Night
Traditional Spirituals

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Poem by John van de Laar "The Simple Logic of Light (© Sacredise 2015)

How we long to understand, O God, the simple logic of Light;

*The power of a single glow to dispel darkness;
the capacity of a single spark to create warmth;
the immense energy in a single drop of sunlight.*

*It's a simple logic, this message you speak:
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it;
We praise you for the light,
and for it's simple resistance to darkness;
We praise you for the radiance that never ceases
to stream
into us and our world,
And we praise you for the tinder that you have
placed within us
that waits patiently and quietly for us to allow
a single ember
into our hearts so that we might be set ablaze with You.
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 worshipping at home)!

***Hymn: #641 Pass It On (Gold Hymnal, Hymns for the Family of God)**

**1, It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.**

**2, What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding**

The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
 That's how it is with God's love,
 Once you've experienced it.
 You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
 You want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you my friend
 This happiness that I've found;
 You can depend on God
 It matters not where you're bound,
 I'll shout it from the mountain top
 I want the world to know
 The Lord of love has come to me
 I want to pass it on.

Music Offering

8:00 Heritage Choir

How Can I Keep from Singing with Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman & Ed Cash/ arr. Fettke

10:30 Kids Choirs

This Little Light of Mine	Hillsong Kids
Apple-Red Happiness	Warren Watkins

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:

Chord symbols for the first staff: F, C/E, Dm, B♭

Chord symbols for the second staff: F/A, Gm, Am/C, C

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Willow Scott Cronrath, child of Alexis Gambler and Bret Cronrath

Sponsors: Brianne and Matt Wittmer

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll and Walker #613 With One Voice

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Scripture

Mark **Scripture** Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Message

Known by the Company We Keep

Pastor Kris

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

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HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace.

L: Holy and Living One, as we gather to break bread once again, break us open to your love, to your peace, to your presence, to your transformative power.

Leader: God be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Living One!

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator and Renewer of all life. Time and again you seek us out, breathing again the breath of life into the deflated places of our lives.

And so, we come to your table again to praise you and taste yet again what your steadfast love can do.

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us now, God of grace. Pour out your transforming presence on the gifts of this body and the gifts of this bread and fruit of the vine. May they be for us your life and love, uniting us as one body—Christ's body—for the sake of loving and serving the world. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take and eat. Take and drink.

L: May the precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep and preserve you unto eternal life.

MUSIC OFFERING

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter

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]

Postlude

There is a Fountain Tune: Cleansing Fountain, Early
American Melody

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,248.00
Calendar 2022 (Jan)	\$29,063.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.)	\$30,541.00
Change from Last Year	-4.8%
Budget (July-Jan.)	\$255,250.00
Actual (July-Jan.)	\$253,847.00
Giving vs. Budget	-0.5%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8:00 am	20
10:30 am (includes children)	95
Children's Church	21

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	235lbs, \$25
Total YTD:	1340 lbs, \$85

Blanket Fund to Date:	\$1,973.44
Souper Bowl to Date:	\$547.45

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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