

February 6, 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: 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: 8:00 Suzanne Schneider 10:30 Donna Christman Ushers: 8:00: Phil Wehr, Ron Pope, Kerry Snyder 10:30am: Aften Hamm, Scott Nagle, Tami Herzog Wassum, Suzanne Lorah, Pat Warmkessel, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider Sound: Dawn Dengler 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 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.

*Please stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It William J. Kirkpatrick

Fanny J. Crosby,

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Poems by John van de Laar "Partnering with God"

The struggles of our world feel overwhelming, Jesus; beyond our ability to understand, let alone solve. We do not have the capacity to silence the justifications, to heal the addictions, to restore the brokenness, to repair the destruction, or to reverse the trajectories of our self-centred, short-sighted weakness, our heartless, dehumanizing aggression.

But, we do not face these struggles alone, Jesus; You have aligned yourself with us, in taking on flesh, in going through the waters, in laying down your life; And you have invited us to partner with you, in proclaiming Good News, in freeing the imprisoned, in restoring the broken, in uniting the divided; And you have given us the capacity, the divine Spirit, to be co-workers with God.

For this, we are eternally grateful. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: One of our core values is 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: #495 Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal)

ALL:

1. Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

2. Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

4. So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

MUSIC OFFERING

8:00 Heritage Choir: How Beautiful Twila Paris, Arr. Lloyd Larson

10:30 High School Choir Forever with "A Mighty Fortress" Words by Chris Tomlin & Martin Luther Music by Chris Tomlin & Ein Fest Burg, Arr. Jack Schrader

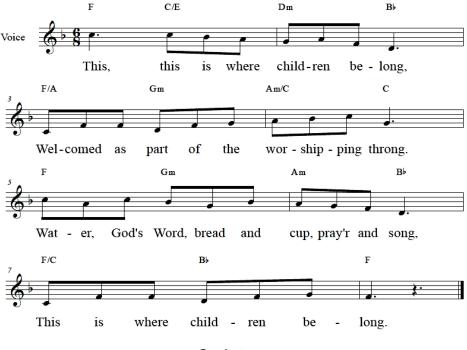
10:30 Worship Children's Time

Children's Church Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for Children's Church (in the basement).

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).

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



Scripture Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Message

Standing Our Ground

Pastor Kris

Hymn #87 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Gold Hymnal, Hymns for the Family of God)

ALL: What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN

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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MUSIC OFFERING

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel

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

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Tune: WOODWORTH

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		
Last Week	\$8,715.00	
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%	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		

Attendance Last Week			
8:00 am		24	
10:30 am (includes children)		90	
Children's Church		30	
2021 Donations to the			
Northern Lehigh Food Bank:			
Last	lbs, \$		
Week:			
Total	800 lbs, \$50		
YTD:			
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Blanket Fund to \$160.00 Date:

Presentations to the Glory of God

Spread the Good News :

In memory of John Steinmann

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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