



April 24, 2022
8am and 10:30am
Holy Humor Sunday

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 are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Lay Reader: 8:00 Carol Pope, 10:30 Leah Seyler
Ushers: 8:00: Cliff James, Carol James
10:30am: Carrington Smith, Jim Lane, Jason Klinger, Susan Smith, Al Stubbmann, Karen Misera, Claire Kern, Gene Thrash
Sound: Dawn Dengler

Wearing a mask inside the building will now be optional.

For those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19, we recommend wearing a mask (as per CDC guidelines).

Singing - Close proximity while singing contributes to transmission of particulates. If you like to sing, please consider wearing a mask during those portions of worship. Our choirs will continue to mask when singing.

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Still Laughing God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter*, posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways*)

Leader: Sing a new song!

ALL: A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth

Leader: Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God

ALL: Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday

Leader: Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

ALL: We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.

Leader: For God has taken ordinary things.

ALL: And made them extraordinary. Sing a new song!

Opening Prayer (*A Clown's Prayer*, Anonymous)

Leader: Let us pray together

**ALL: As I stumble through this life,
help me to create more laughter than tears,
dispense more cheer than gloom,
spread more cheer than despair.
Never let me become so indifferent,**

that I will fail to see the wonders in the eyes of a child,
or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.

Never let me forget that my total effort
is to cheer people,
make them happy, and forget momentarily,
all the unpleasantness in their lives.

And in my final moment,
may I hear You whisper:
“When you made My people smile,
you made Me smile.” Amen.

The Peace

Leader: How do we mean the words that we say: “No matter
who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
ALL: You are welcome here.

Leader: Let’s do all that we can to practice this greeting in
word and action.

Please rise and stand in body or spirit for the first song to greet
each other with a smile or wave,

***Hymn: # 377 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymns for
the Family of God-Gold)**

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away
Give of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day**

**2. All thy works with joy surround
Thee, earth and heave reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea**

Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in Thee

3. Though art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing ever blest
Well spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals, join in happy chorus with
the morning stars began;
Father love is feigning o'er us.
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

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:

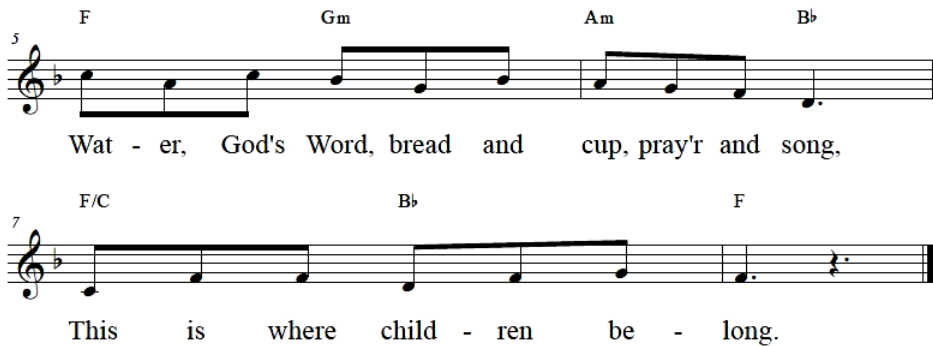
The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It consists of two staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Chord symbols: F, C/E, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, Am/C, C, F, Gm, Am, Bb.

Lyrics: This, this is where child-ren be - long, Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.

Staff 1: Voice (treble clef), 6/8 time. Notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Lyrics: This, this is where child-ren be - long,

Staff 2: Voice (treble clef), 6/8 time. Notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Lyrics: Wel-comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.



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 Children’s Church is longer than worship, please meet them in Room 7 in the Basement (the Preschool Rooms).

Scripture

The Gospel of John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Message

I Am Not Really That Funny

Pastor Kayli

HYMN

Hallelu, Hallelu

SIT: Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;

STAND: Praise ye the Lord!

SIT: Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;

STAND: Praise ye the Lord!

STAND: Praise ye the Lord, SIT: Hallelujah;

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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.**

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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!

MUSIC OFFERING

Fairest Lord Jesus
Setting by John Carter

Tune: Crusader's Hymn,

Benediction (Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman)

Leader: May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love
be seen in all we do and say.

Go forth rejoicing,
for the good work has just begun!
Amen.

***Hymn #1 For the Beauty of the Earth (Hymns for the Family of God; Gold)**

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,

**For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child;
Friend on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise**

**4. For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above;
Offering up on every shore,
her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise**

**5. For thyself, best gift divine,
to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise**

**Postlude Blake Hoppes
Praise Him, Praise Him**

8 & 10:30

**Jazz Ensemble: Blake Hoppes-piano, Mike Baer-
guitar, Mitchell Roth – Trumpet, Matt Gerry – Trumpet**

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$21,572.00
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	102
10:30 am (includes children)	252
Children's Church	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	1,250lbs, \$
Total YTD:	3,233 lbs, \$235

Easter Mission :	\$2,684.00
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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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