

# Confirmation Sunday



**May 1, 2022**  
**Confirmation Day**  
**Acolyte Recognition**  
**Church Family Worship**

**GUESTS**, Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](http://www.facebook.com/unionneffs). If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org)

**NEW MEMBERS:** To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family, contact [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto: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 Dan Topp

Ushers: 8:00: Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

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

Sound: Mike Baer

**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.**

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**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

### **Prelude**

Behold the Lamb            Dottie Rambo

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ACOLYTES Completing their Service**

**ALL: We, the congregation of Union United Church of Christ recognize you for your faithful service as worship acolyte. For your assistance in worship leadership we are grateful As you continue your faith journey, may you grow in your faith and in your capacity to serve Christ and his Church with devotion and joy. Amen**

**Acolytes: Miranda Brown, Madison Eckhart, Emily Glosan, Everett Lightner, Claire Puia**

**Program Coordinators: Susan Glosan & Julie Wehr**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(written by Rev. Susan A. Blain,)

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

**ALL: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**

Leader: Where there was no way

**ALL: God leads us in a new way**

Leader: Where there was no mercy

**ALL: God surprises us with fresh mercy**

Leader: Where there was weeping

**ALL: God invites us to step into a new dance.**

## Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together

**ALL: Lord, come and be light for our eyes.**

**Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;  
that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace,  
we pray;**

**that we might respond to opportunities, we pray;**

**that we might be strengthened to face challenges,  
we pray;**

**that we might become the persons we are called to be,  
we pray;**

**that we might learn to respect all of our sisters and  
brothers, we pray;**

**that we might see the needs of others and give help, we  
pray.**

## 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** Here I Am Lord Text: Daniel Schutte  
Music: Daniel Schutte; arr. Michael Pope, SJ, Daniel L. Schutte  
and John Weissrock © 1981 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn  
Music

**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night,**

**I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

## CHORUS

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**CHORUS**

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
**CHORUS**

**Children's Time**  
**Pastors invite children forward.**

**No Children's Church, Church Family Worship**

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

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: Chords F, C/E, Dm, Bb. Lyrics: This, this is where child-ren be - long,

Staff 2: Chords F/A, Gm, Am/C, C. Lyrics: Wel- comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throng.

Staff 3: Chords F, Gm, Am, Bb. Lyrics: Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,

Staff 4: Chords F/C, Bb, F. Lyrics: This is where child - ren be - long.

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

In Christ Alone

## **Heritage Choir**

Townend & Getty, Arr. Camp Kirkland

## **SCRIPTURE**

The Gospel of John 21:4-19

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love

me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

## **THE MESSAGE**

If You Teach A Confirmand To Fish

Pastor Kayli Freeman

**Hymn      The Summons**

**John L. Bell**

**c. 1987 Iona Community**

**1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or  
scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**3. Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world  
around  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in  
me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true if you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## CONFIRMANDS ARE CALLED FORWARD TO AFFIRM THEIR FAITH

### STATEMENT OF FAITH by The Confirmation Class of 2022

I believe God has all the knowledge and does good things for  
God's people – **Ethan Solderich**

I believe God is the creator of our earth and the Universe; always  
listening during prayers – **Nolan Buskirk**

I think Jesus is God in human form. I believe he is the same today  
as he was yesterday and will be forever—**Parker Haydt**

I believe the Holy Spirit gives us hope and takes the form of  
things that bring hope—**Brayden Peters**

I believe the Bible is the written word of God. We should use the  
Bible to help guide how we live our lives to be good Christians –  
**Carter Christman**

Church is like a second home; church is family. Church is the  
support and love most places don't give – **Emily Mericle**

I think prayer is a time to talk to God about anything happening in  
the world or with you—**Eve Horvath**

Faith is assurance that the things we believe are true and helps  
us through times of trouble—**Alexis Baron**

Being a Christian makes me believe in so much more than I did  
before—**Ella Stanek**

Being a Christian means being kind to others and treating every-  
one fairly. – **Savannah Kareha**

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### Invitation

## **Questions**

### **Prayer of the Candidates**

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully, all the days of my life. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Congregation (UNISON)**

**Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of you Holy Spirit**

**Grant them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things.**

**Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Act of Confirmation**

Confirmands will be blessed and prayed over by a pastor, parents, and God Guides.

They will also receive a cross and a certificate from the teaching team.

Confirmands are divided into groups

**Parents and God-Guides are invited to come forward when your Confirmand is at the railing**

### **Prayer of Confirmation**

### **Questions about Participation**

### **Welcome (unison)**

**We promise you our continuing 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. Amen.**

**Greeting of Christian Love**  
Consistory Officer

**Prayer**

**BENEDICTION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC**

**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](mailto: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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**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.

**Mother's Day Special Offering for Phoebe Home is being collected 5/1 & 5/8.** Phoebe Home's mission is to provide compassion care to all of their residents. They provide a variety of services for the elderly population in the Lehigh Valley such as, skilled nursing, independent living, memory support, rehabilitation and much more. To support this special offering you can use the envelopes in your giving packets marked for Mother's Day, or a blank envelope marked for Mother's Day. You can also give electronically in one of the ways listed in the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Music Offering**

Majesty            Jack Hayford (Arr. Bruce Greer)

### **THE BLESSING**

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Leader: May your life be a river.

May you flow with the purpose of the One who created and  
called you,  
who directs your course and turns you ever toward home.

May your way shimmer  
with the light of Christ  
who goes with you  
who bears you up  
who calls you by name.

May you move  
with the grace of the Spirit  
who brooded over  
the face of the waters  
at the beginning  
and who will gather you in  
at the end.

**\*Hymn #351 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry  
New Century Hymnal (Black)**

**1. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
I'll be there in case you wander off,  
and find where demons dwell.**

**2. When you found the wonder of the Word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God,  
to whom you now belong.  
Should you find someone to share your time,  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk til rising sun.**

**3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old,  
no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise**

**4. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Jesus Shall Reign      Tune: Duke Street, John Hatton**

# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

<b>Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>	
Last Week	\$7,839.00
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>	

<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	
8:00 am	<b>26</b>
10:30 am (includes children)	<b>82</b>
Children's Church	

<b>2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b>	
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 :***

***Blessings on our Confirmands, God Guides, and Families- Pastor Kris***

*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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