



**May 8, 2022**  
**Celebrating the Women and Mothers of our**  
**Church Family**  
**Guest Preacher: Susan Glosan**  
**8am and 10:30am**

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

Lay Reader: 8:00 Suzanne Schneider

Ushers: 8:00: Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson

10:30am: Deidre Bilger, Carol James, Randy Bilger, Ruth Ruch, Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Todd McCoy, Laura Kohler

Sound: Karl Klinger

**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**

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2                      Johannes Brahms

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Note: Pastor Kayli is finishing a week of vacation and Pastor Kris starts her sabbatical. Thank you Susan Glosan and Carrie Beleno for leading us in worship. We are grateful for your work as our Interim Pastors of Visitation.**

**Call to Worship Rev.Mindi <http://rev-o-lution.org/>  
(from Proverbs 9:1-3, 5-6)**

Wisdom has built her house,

**ALL: She has hewn her seven pillars.**

She has mixed her wine,

**ALL: She has set her table.**

She has sent out her servants,

**ALL: She calls from the highest places in town,**

“Come, eat and drink and live,

**ALL: Come, walk in the way of insight.”**

Worship our God, and walk in Wisdom’s ways,

**ALL: For she invites us into this time of worship.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Wise God, Your spirit traveled over the face of the deep and called forth life. You breathed life into the first human beings and into all creation. You taught us the commandments, Your precepts, Your way of life. You call us away from the world we created to be rooted in Your creation. In Your

creation, there is always enough, there is always something new springing forth. You lead us beside the still waters and green pastures. You are our Mother, our Heavenly Parent, in whom we were born again through Jesus Christ, to be a new creation. Help us to live into Your wisdom. 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 Gold Hymnal #588 In the Garden**

**All: 1. I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet  
the birds hush their singing, And the melody that  
He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**3. I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;**

**And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**Music Offering**

**8:00 Heritage Choir:** The Gift of Love Hal. H. Hopson

**10:30 I Love My Mom** Yancy ©2011 Dried Rose Music (ASCAP)

**Children's Choir:** Micayla Hoffert, Brooklyn Hoppes,

Lincoln Hoppes, Connor Maxwell, Lucas Maxwell

Cayden Hoppes, piano, Gavin Hoppes, drums, Jordan Hoppes, bass

**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 in G major, 8/8 time, and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are: "This, this is where child-ren be - long,". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 3 measures, then continues with the lyrics: "Wel- comed as part of the wor - ship - ping throug.". The third staff continues with the lyrics: "Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,". The fourth staff continues with the lyrics: "This is where child - ren be - long.".

F C/E Dm B $\flat$

Voice

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

F/A Gm Am/C C

3

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

F Gm Am B $\flat$

5

Wat - er, God's Word, bread and cup, pray'r and song,

F/C B $\flat$  F

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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**

### **Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

## **THE MESSAGE**

Susan Glosan

**\*Hymn Black hymnal #433 In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

**All:**

**1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**2. There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn for every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it hold, a mystery, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;**

in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## 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.

### 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.

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**AMAZON SMILE** Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com>.

### **401G Moment– Phil Wehr**

**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**

Wind Beneath My Wings

Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar

### **Benediction**

Mother's Day Litany (written for Mother's Day 2015) Rev. Mindi Holy God, on this day we honor You, as we do every day.

**ALL: Today we honor You, our Mothering God, who cares for us and nurtures us.**

May we comfort those who mourn their mothers on this day;

**ALL: May we offer our support to those whose mothers are not present.**

Guide us in our love for one another,

**ALL: That we may be empathetic and caring for those dealing with fertility issues.**

Hold us in Your love,

**ALL: And may we seek justice for those who have been abused and harmed by those who were supposed to protect them.**

Loving God who cares and protects us all,

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise for those who have been like mothers to us, For those who have mothered us in the light of Your love, For all who reflect Your image of love, care, compassion and peace.**

On this Mother's Day,

**ALL: May we give thanks for mothers in the world that do Your work of justice, that love us as You have first loved us, and that challenge us to live in righteousness and peace. For Christ has said "Whoever does the will of God is my mother and my sister, my brother and my friend." May it be so. Amen.**

**\*Hymn Gold Hymnal # 107 Amazing Grace**

**All:**

**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. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**

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

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go     George Matheson and  
Albert L. Pace**



# **EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

| <b>Offering<br/>(e-giving, envelopes, and plate)</b>                        |              |
|---|--------------|
| Last Week   | \$5,131.00   |
| Calendar 2022 (Jan-March)   | \$29,063.00  |
| Calendar 2021 (Jan.-March)  | \$30,541.00  |
| Change from Last Year   | -4.8%        |
| Budget (July-March)   | \$255,250.00 |
| Actual (July-March)   | \$253,847.00 |
| Giving vs. Budget   | -0.5%        |
| <i>Additional financial information available in<br/>Consistory Minutes</i> |              |

| <b>Attendance Last Week</b>     |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 8:00 am                         | <b>32</b>  |
| 10:30 am<br>(includes children) | <b>158</b> |
| Children's Church               | <b>17</b>  |

| <b>2021 Donations to the<br/>Northern Lehigh Food Bank:</b> |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Last<br>Week:   | 400lbs, \$       |
| Total<br>YTD:   | 3,633 lbs, \$235 |

## **Presentations to the Glory of God**

***Spread the Good News :***

***In memory of Ruth Rothrock by Lucille Kuhns,  
Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz, and families***

*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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