

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life."

-John 8:12

Jesus ALSO said,
"YOU are the Light of the World."

- Matthew 5: 14

Sunday, January 15, 2023

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs .

Please complete the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you and hand it in with your offering or give it to a pastor. This is a good way to let us know you're here.

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 Readers: 8:00 Carol Pope, 10:30 Suzanne Schneider
Ushers: 8:00-Debbie Romig, Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross
10:30- Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Dan Haftl, Maryann Puia, Eric Minnich, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout
Sound: Karl Klinger

***Please stand in body or spirit.**

Prelude Music

Just A Closer Walk Traditional

Blake Hoppes

Welcome

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: One of our core values as God's church here
in Neffs is extravagant welcome.

So repeat after me - No matter who you are or where
you are on life's journey,

**ALL: No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey,**

Leader: you are welcome here.

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Leader: For those of you who are here, I invite you to
greet those around you, waive across the aisle, walk
around.

We send our prayers and blessings to those watching
and listening at home or during the week.

(Please stand in body or spirit to greet each other and
for our first song.)

*Hymn #8 Gather Us In Sing! A New Creation

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some



1. dark - ness, van - ished a - way, See, in this space, our
 2. old who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
 3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your
 4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place, the



1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
 2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu- man
 3. sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the
 4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King-dom now is the



1. day. Gath-er us in the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us
 2. race. Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us
 3. earth. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to
 4. day. Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath-er us



1. in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
 2. in the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
 3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to
 4. in and make us your own; Gath-er us in all peo - ples to -



1. wa - ken, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 3. fash - ion, lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 4. geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Please be seated.

Today's liturgy is from Seasons of the Spirit.

Call to Worship

Based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Leader: Your response in the Call to Worship today
is a simple, Amen!

Grace and peace to you from God our Mother and Father
and from Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer

Leader: Friends, in God we have been graced with wisdom
and knowledge, we are not lacking in any spiritual gift. We
are continually encouraged and strengthened, called as
partners in Christ's mission of love and service to the world.
We gather in hope. We worship with the Spirit at play in our
hearts. Praise be to the God of goodness and light!

All: Amen.

Sung Response:

#526 We Are Marching In the Light of God
Black Hymnal, New Century Hymnal

**ALL: We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching the light of God.**

**We are marching, oo-oooh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo-oooh,
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me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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The Message

We're In This Together Pastor Kris

Prayers of the People

The 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.

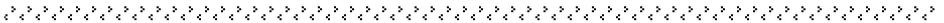
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

News about the Ministry and Mission of God's Church

Offering

Offering Prayer

Leader: All that we are, O God, and all we are called to be, we bring to this special moment of offering and hope. may our gifts be used imaginatively for the well-being of all. Amen.



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work and God's people.**

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Musical Offering

In Christ Alone Andrew Craig and Donald A. Koch
Blake Hoppes

Offering Response

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**We are marching, oo-oo,
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Benediction

Leader: Go now, beloved, to follow the love of God,
to be surprised by God's wonder to lift your voice
for love and compassion.

Dare to believe that you are people on a mission of
healing and grace.

Feel God's encouragement to be a blessing
as you offer blessings

with your heart and hands and know that you never, ever
go alone. Amen.

***Hymn The Summons John Bell**

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
When 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**

Postlude Music

Blessed Assurance Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp
Blake Hoppes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$10,505.00
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-Nov.)	\$ 338,265.00
Calendar Year 2021 (Jan-Nov.)	\$ 333,115.00
Change from Last Year	1.5%
Budget FY 2022 (<i>July 2022-Nov. 22</i>)	\$ 157,070.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (<i>July 2022-Nov. 22</i>)	\$ 141,498.80
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-9.9%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week		
	In person	Online
8:00 am	42	
10:30 am	119	
Education Hour	26	

2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	154bs, \$
Total YTD:	154lbs

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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