

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

January 29, 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.

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care and outreach within our community and the world.

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 Readers: 8:00 Rasalie Snyder, 10:30 Don Penrod
Ushers: 8:00 Carol James, Connie Gioelli, Larry Todd, Ron Pope
10:30 Donna Christman, Gloria Toner, Brian Horwith, Eric Minnich
Sound: Doug Albert

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

Prelude Music
Amazing Grace
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.

ALL: you are welcome here.

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.

Portions of today's worship used from
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are we

ALL: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Leader: Happy are we

ALL: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Leader: Happy are we

ALL: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Leader: Happy are we

ALL: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Prayer

Leader: O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal. You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth. You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew. Let us worship the God who makes us one.

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

**We are marching, oo-oo,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo-oo,**

We are marching in the light of God.

Music Offering 8:00 Heritage Choir, 10:30 Horizon

Whisper to My Heart David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin

10:30 Worship – Time for Children

Education Hour for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am

Children's Church – during 10:30am Worship for ages 3-grade 5. Ms. Tiffany would like to invite children to join her and her volunteers for Sunday School at 9:15 and Children's Church during 10:30am service.

TODAY: Pastors invite children forward for a Children's Time and then they leave with Ms. Tiffany for a time designed just for them!

Children will be in the basement and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.

Song: Go, Make a Diff'ence Angrisano, Tomaszek #199
Sing! Prayer and Praise

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song: "Go make a dif - f'rence... We can make a dif -". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "- f'rence... Go make a dif - f'rence in the world...". The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above it.

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

5:2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven.

5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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The Message

Blessed are the...

Pastor Kayli

Hymn #161 Breathe On Me, Breath of God (Hymns for the Family of God, gold)

1. Breathe on me, breath of God fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou
wouldst do

2. Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure
Until with thee I will one will to do and to endure

3. Breathe on me, breath of God til I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me glows with thine fire divine

4. Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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.**

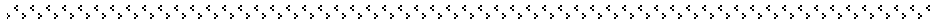
News about the Ministry and Mission of God's Church

Offering

Offering Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love.

Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.



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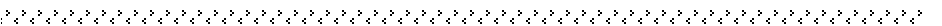
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VENMO Union UCC now has Venmo! You can now make donations, pay for events, and support the church through this platform. Please be sure to include in the "What it's for" line what your Venmo is supporting. You can either search for @unionuccneffs

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AMAZON SMILE. Amazon will be discontinuing Amazon Smile on February 20, 2023



Musical Offering

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

Offering Response

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Benediction

Leader: Blessed in the midst of God's love
Blessed in the midst of our world
Blessed in what we feel, see, do
Blessed even in the times we find it hard to see the blessing
Even then we can know ourselves as the children of God
Especially then we can know, see, feel God's presence in
our lives
Blessed God's love in our lives
Given by the One
Who came to save
Blessed are you
In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #522 I Love to Tell The Story (New Century Hymnal, black)**

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.**

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you
Because I want to share it, because I know it's true.

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.**

3. I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.**

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song

Will be the old, old story that I have loved so long

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.**

Postlude Music

In The Presence of Jehovah Becky and Geron Davis
Blake Hoppes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	
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	86
10:30 am	95	125
Education Hour	6	

2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	500bs, \$
Total YTD:	754lbs, \$50

Presentations to the Glory of God

In memory of Gordon Rothrock by daughters Lucille Kuhns, Leoma Kern, Lana Reitz, and families.

Two years ago we met today! R.I.P. Ray - Carol

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