

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

**February 5, 2023  
Blanket Sunday  
Boy Scout Sunday**

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community here at Union UCC. 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).

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 Ron Pope, 10:30 Vicki Mayk

Ushers: 8:00 Phil Wehr, Ron Pope

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

Sound: Mike Baer

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

### **Prelude Music**

There is a Fountain

Tune: Cleansing Fountain, Early American Melody

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.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of  
God:

that God so loves the world.

**ALL: We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:  
that God gives us new life.

**ALL: We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We are called to follow  
the commandments and the law.

**ALL: The Law of God is to love God  
and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,  
the light of the world.

**ALL: Come, let us love one another  
with the love of God.**

**ALL: Let us join together in our love of God  
to worship and follow Jesus.**

### **Prayer**

Leader: You call us to be your light in the darkness, your  
voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. You  
give us strength in our weakness, peace and gentleness,  
words and boldness, to proclaim more of you and of us,  
less. 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 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-ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, oo-ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.**

### **Music Offering**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior Dawn Rogers & Eric Wyse,  
Arr. Bruce Greer

### **Heritage Choir**

### **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 a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Go make a dif - f'ence. \_ We can make a dif -". The second staff contains the lyrics: "- f'ence. \_ Go make a dif - f'ence in the world. \_". The word "Fine" is written above the end of the second staff.

## **Scripture Matthew 5:13-20**

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

5:15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

**The Message** Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation

**Hymn Hymn #418 My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff (New Century Hymnal, black)**

1. My faith it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved  
aid  
My faith it is a song of trust, sustains me undismayed  
I'll travel on and still be stirred by silent thought or social  
word,  
By all my perils undeterred a pilgrim unafraid

2. My guide is Jesus Christ whose steps, when travelers  
have trod  
Whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod  
They carried on their joy unspent, through pain and trial  
they onward went  
Unstayed by pleasure still bent their zealous course to  
God

3. My faith it is an oaken staff, O let me on it leant  
My faith provides the ground of hope, supports a pur-  
pose keen  
Your spirit God upon me spend, that I may be what you  
intend  
With patient courage, we'll contend as radiant saints  
serene.

**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: Generous God, We have known Your unfailing love and faithfulness, Your care and provision, Your protection and salvation. And so we respond with deep gratitude, offering back to You a portion of what You have given to us. Accept the gifts we ring—tangible expressions of our love and gratitude for what You have so generously given to us. Amen.

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.



**Thank you for the many ways in which you support God's work and God's people.**

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES.** If you can't attend worship, you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** Choose to give a repetitive contribution on a regular basis (i.e weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), or make single contributions whenever you desire in an amount of your choice. Electronic contributions are initiated from Union UCC's website

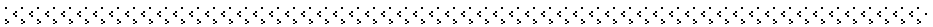


(UnionUCC.org). Click on 'giving', then on 'Ways to Give' and follow the prompts. Feel free to contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-398-2654) to answer your questions or demonstrate the process.

**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

**MOBILE GIVING.** If you would like to give on the go, Vanco, the company that processes our e-giving transactions, has a mobile app that allows you to do so. Open your app search screen, search under "Vanco Mobile Faith \Engagement" and follow the prompts.

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



**Musical Offering**

Majesty Jack Hayford (Arr. Bruce Greer)

**Offering Response**

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**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.**

## Benediction

Leader: May our love be like salt  
that makes life tasty and worthwhile.

May our Christian living be a light  
to those who live in darkness.

May our Christian communities  
be cities of light to be seen from afar  
as signs that God lives and works in his people.

Go now, and let the light of Christ shine  
on all those who live around you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### **#386 The Church's One Foundation (New Century Hymnal, black)**

1) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord  
We are Christ's new creation by water and the word  
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us  
free;

With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity

2) Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
One charter of salvation one God, on faith, one birth  
One name together blessing, one holy food we share  
To one hope we are pressing at one in work and prayer

3) 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war  
We wait the consummation of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at  
rest

4) Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-  
one

And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

### **Postlude Music**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord      George C. Stebbins  
Blake Hoppes

*Portions of today's worship service are from re:Worship  
(<https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)*

### **Today we welcome the leaders and members of Boy Scout Pack/Troop 57**

Pack 57

Committee Chair - Greg Kuklinski

Cub Master - Cory Grover

Treasurer - Kevin Miller

Secretary - Amy Forte

Advancement Chair - David Church

Troop 57

Committee Chair - Jim Allen

Scout Master - Jeff Phillips

Treasurer - Matt Stahley

Secretary - Cory Grover

Advancement Chair - John Hardenburg

Assistant Scout Master - Bill Evans

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,213.00
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-Dec.)	\$408,693.00
Calendar Year 2021 (Jan-Dec.)	\$411,784.00
Change from Last Year	-0.8%
Budget FY 2022 ( <i>July 2022-Dec. 22</i> )	\$213,470.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date ( <i>July 2022-Dec. 22</i> )	\$211,928.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-0.7%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week		
	In person	Online
8:00 am	<b>30</b>	<b>130</b>
10:30 am	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>
Education Hour	<b>4</b>	

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

## Presentations to the Glory of God

### In the memory of Walt Disney

*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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