



How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!
I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!
Psalm 139: 17-18

July 16, 2023
10:30 Worship
Baptism

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, fellowship, 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:

Ushers: Donna Christman, Brian Horwith, Deb Wenner, Maryann Puia, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout, Marianne Kitzmiller

Greeters: Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Gene & Christina Thrash

Sound: Mike Baer

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

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Joseph M. Scriven, Charles C. Converse
Blake Hoppes

Welcome

When we worship in the sanctuary the offering will be collected by our ushers in your seats.

When we worship outside in the grove the offering is collected at the welcome tables when you arrive or leave worship.

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

Preparing for Worship

Leader: We bring our hopes and fears, our struggles and our lives as they are, into the presence of the One who leaves doors and futures open to gracious possibilities.

All: God's word lights the paths before us.

Leader: May this time of worship empower us to make faithful choices.

All: God's word lights the paths before us.

May this time of worship renew and restore our relationships with God and each other.

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Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Light up our path, God of Peace, with voices of our ancestors whispering and singing hope and encouragement. Remind us that the union they found in their spirits can illuminate this moment. In their wisdom, we

can seek wholeness in your Spirit and find peace in your presence. Amen.

Response Song #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**ALL: In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbows, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.**

Passing the 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: And no matter who you are or where you
are on life's journey,

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

Leader: God loves you and so do we.

ALL: God loves you and so do we.

Leader: Please stand and greet each other,
sharing God's love and welcome.

We send our love to those worshiping at home too.

Please stand in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant
(New Century Hymnal, Black Hymnal)**

**1&6 Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
go the mile and bear the load.**

**3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

Please be seated.

During Summer Worship:

***A reminder to pick up your Children's Activity Bulletins at
the door when you arrive.**

***Mornings with Ms. Tiffany**

**Kids are invited to join Ms. Tiffany for stories, activities, crafts
and fun every Sunday at 10:30 worship through August 20.
Pastors invite children forward to leave with Ms. Tiffany for a**

time designed just for them!

Children will be in room 100 (or the gazebo when we're in the grove) and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.

During the School Year: Education Hour and Faith Formation for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am on Sundays

Children's Church – during 10:30am Worship for ages 3-grade 5.

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

Asus A $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ Dm B \flat C

Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff -

Dm F Asus A

'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -

f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. *Fine*

B \flat maj 7 Asus A Dm Am Am

Last time, Fine 1. 2.3.

Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lyla Lee Seymour, child of Jillian (Anewalt) and Keith Seymour

Sponsors: Amanda Fischer and Ryan Kresge

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll and Walker #613 With One Voice



Scripture Reading I John 4:13-21

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love

God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Luke 6:39-42

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

Music Offering Jules Massenet's "Meditation" Alison Dyszel

The Message

Faith for These Uncertain Times, **Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer**

Pastor Allan served as one of our interim ministers in 2016-2018. We are glad to welcome him back!

Entering into Prayer

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.

PRAYER SONG RESPONSE

#107 Amazing Grace Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of
God

**ALL: 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.**

Music Offering

I'll Fly Away Albert E. Brumley

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CHURCH**

OFFERING

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mail your envelopes to the church. The church
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contribution on a regular basis (i.e weekly, bi-weekly, or
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Please stand in body or spirit.

Offering Response

#562 Take My Gifts Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**ALL: Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply.**

Benediction

Leader: Go from this place finding the strength to right any wrongs, to be the peace brought to division, to be the love needed within the world. Go in peace. Amen.

***Hymn #35 No Matter** Sing! Prayer and Prayer

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm7 C F F7

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G7 F Dm G7 Gm7 C7

jour-ney of life; you're wel- come, wel- come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm7 C F F7

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G7 F Dm Gm7 C7 C F F

jour-ney of life: ac- cept- ed, wel- comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

Verses

F B^badd9 B^bm^{add9}

1. For we are fam - i - ly, meant to be

2. And in di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ty,

3. To - geth - er we will sing, wor - ship bring,

4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;

F F9 F7 B^badd9

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. Born in love,

har - mo - ny for all to see: Just - ice and

hands and hearts out - stretched to all. Je - sus praise,

lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. Wel - come home,

B^bm^{add9} G9 G7 Gm7/C C7 D.C.

from a - bove, God's com - mu - ni - ty,

e - qui - ty, God's com - mu - ni - ty,

hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.

wel - come in, wel - come one and all.

Postlude Music

Waltz Op. 64, No. 2 in C# Minor Frederick Chopin
Blake Hoppes

Summer Coffee Hour will continue on Sundays after 10:30 worship. Stop by in Memorial Hall for some cool lemonade, juice, water, and a snack and visit with friends and pastors.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week			In person
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan-May)	\$162,264.00	8:00 am	n/a
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan-May)	\$158,771.00	10:30 am	100
Change from Last Year	2.2%	Education Hour	
Budget FY 2022-23 (July-May)	\$397,230.00	2022 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-May))	\$374,108.00	Last Week:	\$, lbs
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-5.8%	Total YTD:	2,632lbs, \$635
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>		OGHS	\$665.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

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.

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