



**Resurrection Story: Calmed**  
**May 12, 2024**  
**8am and 10:30am Worship**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Last day of Education Hour**

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**Vision Statement**

UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROWING

**Mission Statement**

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.

***No matter who you are or where you on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.***

***Union UCC is an Open and Affirming (ONA) Community.***

Lay Reader: 8am Carol Pope, 10:30am Janice Metzger  
Ushers: 8am Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson, Larry Todd, Lorie Hackett  
10:30 am Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Laura Kohler, Ralph Gioielli,  
Connie Gioielli, Carol James  
Greeters: Ruth Ensley, Geoff & Sara Jane Brace  
Sound: Dawn Dengler

## **GATHERING AT THE GATE**

***“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”***

**— John 11: 25-26, NRSVUE**

**The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. We can be in need of rising out of the depth of imprisonment, addiction, poverty, illness, and oppression — not just physically and literally, but also spiritually. What keeps us locked up inside? What holds us back from the joy of life? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? Join us for powerful testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming — Resurrection Stories — from those who have found “resurrection” in their lives. It might just inspire you to unlock your own rising up!**

### **Prelude Music**

The Rose

Amanda McBroom

**Blake Hoppes**

### **Welcome**

### **The Collective Story of Resurrection**

*Leader:* Mental illness is one of the most common, devastating, and yet stigmatized maladies of our time. If this is an “Age of Anxiety,” we must be a church of healers and hope-givers. We will pray for those who deal with various forms of trauma and the consequences of mental illness, those who care for them, and open compassion for our own struggles.

# Rise Up in Us

Amanda Udis-Kessler

3 Rise up in us and we will rise from  
6 death in - to a new - found life: from bond - age freed, from  
9 harm re - leased, from ill - ness healed, as one in peace. When  
12 all is lost our hearts are warmed, our hope re - stored, our  
15 lives trans - formed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Leader: Again the disciples gathered in Galilee,  
this time at the mountain where Jesus had directed them to  
go.

**ALL: Whether at sea level or on the mountaintop, we follow  
Jesus.**

Leader: They saw Jesus and worshiped him, yet they  
doubted.

**ALL: We recall our own experiences of deep devotion and  
yet we are aware of times of great doubt. Both are essential  
elements of engaged faith.**

Leader: Jesus instructed the disciples to go and make  
disciples,  
baptizing in the holy names and teaching as he had taught.  
**ALL: In spite of our frailty at times, Jesus invites us to be a part  
of  
the ministry of serenity, bringing good news to those who  
suffer.**

Leader: Jesus offered reassurance with his parting words:  
"Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**All: When our own lives are in turmoil and when we see those  
around us struggling,  
we can offer comfort to others and tender compassion to  
ourselves—  
seeking calm in Divine presence.**

Leader: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.  
**All: Thanks be to the Living Word.**

– based on Matthew 28:16-20

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

**Opening Hymn**

**#488 Be Still, My Soul (New Century Hymnal, black)**

**1. Be still, my soul for God is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In every change God faithful will remain  
Be still, my soul your best eternal friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul for God will under take**

To guide in future days as in the past  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be clear at last  
Be still, my soul the waves and winds still know  
How Jesus' power ruled them long ago

3. Be still my soul the hour will soon be here  
When we shall be with God whom we adore  
With disappointment gone, no grief, nor fear  
Sorrow replaced with joy forevermore  
Be still my sou when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

### The Key to Peace

Know that Christ is with us always, to the very end of the age. Because of this, we can be honest about our lives, our struggles, and the things that keep us locked up.

This is the key to peace: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for soothing and serenity is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting your life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know serenity.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know serenity.**

Let's sing our Easter Alleluia and pass the peace of Jesus Christ *[making sure to greet those worshiping remotely]*.

Halle, Halle  
#236 Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**All (sung):**  
**Halle, halle, halle-luya!**  
**Halle, halle, halle-luya!**

**Halle, halle, halle-luya!  
Halle-luya, halle-luya!**

**REPEAT**

**Please be seated.**

**Music Offering**

**8:00** Sing Out A Song Nancy Price and Don Besig

**Heritage Choir**

**10:30am** Your Love For Me Casey Darnell

**Kids Choir**

AT 10:30 WORSHIP I invite the children forward as we sing again.

**All (sung):**

**Halle, halle, halle-luya!**

**Halle, halle, halle-luya!**

**Halle, halle, halle-luya!**

**Halle-luya, halle-luya!**

**10:30 Worship Children's Time**

**Children's Church** – during 10:30am Worship for ages 3-grade 5. Kids start in worship with their family and are invited forward for a children's time, They then leave with Ms. Tiffany and return before worship is over.

**Kids are invited to the Education Hour and Faith**

**Formation for All Ages** – 9:15-10:15am on Sundays, ages 3—grade 7.

**Notes on Serenity**

*All scripture translations from the NRSVUE.*

**Scripture** Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not

be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **10:30am Music Offering**

Were'er You Walk from Semele

G.F. Handel, arr. by Clair W. Johnson

**Craig Knauss**, clarinet, **Blake Hoppes**, piano

### **Testimony to Serenity: A Resurrection Story**

**Pastor Kayli**

### **Responding to Serenity**

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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.**

**Opportunities to Live Resurrected**  
**NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH**  
**AT UNION**

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**OFFERING**

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## **Music Offering**

Wind Beneath My Wings    Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar  
**Blake Hoppes**

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

### **\*Offering Response**

Sung to the Tune I Love to Tell the Story

**ALL (sung); The Savior of our stories  
has brought his peace to you;  
now go and tell the story,  
for others need it too.  
To ev'ry one who's hurting  
ring out the gospel call;  
proclaim that Christ is risen  
and grants his peace to all.**

**I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

### **\*Benediction**

Whatever binds you, whatever locks you up,  
whatever keeps your anxiety on high alert, robbing you of  
any peace for your life, can be wiped clean...

... for we believe our stories can be rewritten each and  
every day.

We know it isn't easy or quick, but let this be a vision of your  
life resurrected.

And now, may you go into the world,  
extending empathy in all the ways you discover you can,  
for yourself, for others, for the world.

And may the God who created you to be calm and at ease,  
the Christ who showed you what compassion and care looks  
like,  
and the Spirit who is transforming your life even now,  
be with you now and evermore.  
**Amen.**

**There are baskets of keys at the entrance doors. Please feel free to take one with you as you unlock your resurrection stories of new life, healing, hope, and joy.**

**ALL (Sung): Rise up in us and we will rise  
From death into a newfound life:  
From bondage freed, from harm released,  
From illness healed, as one in peace.  
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,  
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**#478 I've Got Peace Like a River (New Century Hymnal, black)**

**1. I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
In my soul**

**2. I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
In my soul**

**3. I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean**

**In my soul**

**4.I've got faith like an anchor**

**I've got faith like an anchor**

**I've got faith like an anchor**

**In my soul**

**Postlude**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson and Albert L. Pace

**Blake Hoppes**

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# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week:	
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-Mar.)	\$ 115,296.00
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan.-Mar.)	\$ 91,680.00
Change from Last Year	<b>25.8%</b>
Budget FY 2023-24 (July-Mar.)	\$ 323,840.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-Mar.)	\$ 322,733.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	<b>-0.3%</b>
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	38
10:30 AM	124
Online Views	227
Breathe	10

2024 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, 0lbs
Total YTD:	\$875, 2,725lbs

## Presentations to the Glory of God

In memory of Ruth Rothrock from Lucille Kuhns,  
Lana Reitz, and Leoma Kern and family

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