



June 30, 2024
10:30 am Worship
Outdoor Worship in the Grove
Build Your Own Sundae
Sunday Picnic

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs. Let us know you're here by completing the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you and hand it to a pastor or drop it in the offering plate.

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: Donna Christman

10:30 am

Greeters: Brynn and Jon Buskirk, Sally Saltzer, Devon Kuharik

Sound: Dawn Dengler, Karl Klinger

Thanks to our Jazz Ensemble for their music today!
Blake Hoppes-piano, **Mike Baer**-guitar, **Andy Hill**-trumpet,
Garet Hill-trumpet, **Craig Knauss**-clarinet

Prelude Music
Praise Him, Praise Him

Welcome

Call to Worship
One: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.
ALL: What have we to fear?

One: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.
ALL: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.
ALL: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN.

Prayer
One: Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence
and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope
and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that
we might serve you faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

Response

ALL sung:
For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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

Welcoming Each Other to Union and God's Family

***Opening Hymn Here I Am, Lord Schutte**

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

**2. I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**3. I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away**

[Chorus]

**4. I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**5. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save**

[Chorus]

**6. Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

Please be seated.

10:30 Worship Children's Time

Song: The Fruit of the Spirit Uncle Charlie Songs

ALL Sung:

**The fruit of the spirit's not a coconut
(pineapple, banana, watermelon)
The fruit of the spirit's not a coconut
If you want to be a coconut
You might as well hear it
You can't be a fruit of the spirit.**

Cause the fruit is:

**Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
Goodness faithfulness,
Gentleness and self-control.**

**Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
Goodness faithfulness,
Gentleness and self-control.**

This Summer on Sundays at 10:30 worship – Times with Ms. Tiffany and Friends. Start worship with your family and then leave at the Children's time with Ms. Tiffany for a time just for you with activities, Bible story, crafts, and more! Kids return to the families by the end of worship or can be found in Room 100 or at the Gazebo when we're in the grove.

Starting in September:

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 to grade 7.

Music Offering Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Traditional Spiritual

Scripture
Psalms 118: 5-17

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.
With the LORD on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The LORD is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in mortals.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees;
they blazed like a fire of thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the
righteous:

'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Response

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet MW Smith

ALL sung:

**Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

Repeat

**When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end
Chorus**

Message

Guest Preacher and Union UCC Member, Geoffrey Brace

Geoff has been around church most of his life. He's served on the Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ (and a few denominational predecessor boards), was PNEC Conference Moderator, attended at least eight UCC General Synods (including one on his honeymoon), did terms on local congregation governing bodies, sings when needed, and has been spotted cooking and doing dishes in a few church kitchens. Geoff, his wife Sara Jane and their son Isaac are members of Union UCC. Geoff was elected to the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners in 2013, serving as Chair since 2021.

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.**

Response

Amazing Grace John Newton

ALL sung:

**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.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH AT UNION



OFFERING

**Thank you for the many ways you give of yourself to God's
ministry and mission here at Union.**

Because of YOU our church changes lives....

Here are some of the ways you can share your financial
generosity at Union.

• **ELECTRONIC GIVING** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-51X/home> or use the QR code with your cell phone. Choose an ongoing regular donation or a single donation with your credit or debit card. (Help us with fees if you can.)



• **FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app**

Electronic Giving

Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA

and register your information to contribute.

• **Venmo @unionuccneffs** Make a donation or pay for a fundraiser or event. Complete “What’s this for?” See QR code.



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• **Cash or checks (to “Union UCC”)** Place in the offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks) or drop in the mail if you’re not in person.



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Contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-972-8719) or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you’d like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts to Union.

Invitation to the Offering

As we come to this time for gratitude and generosity, what is it that we gather as we give? We gather good will; we gather hope; we gather love and healing and grace. And when all of these things are gathered up, and drawn near, the blessing of God fills us up and others too...and the world is changed for the better. Like the servants who gathered up the gifts of the Master and helped them to grow, we too are called to make God’s blessings grow through our generosity.

And know this, that your generosity gathers—it gathers people to you, it gathers a force for good in the world, it gathers a love that flows with a great will in the world to extend God’s grace beyond these walls. This is no small thing, but lovely and precious. Give thanks for the ministry God has entrusted into our care and for each other, and know, beloved, that your faithful service makes a difference.

Music Offering

When the Saints Go Marching In

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

***Offering Response**

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times Joe Pace

ALL sung:

**I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good**

**He's good, so good, real good
And every day of my life
I'll bless the Lord for He's good**

***Offering Dedication**

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world. Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Directions – as you leave worship: There are flower post it notes in the front of the church, near the railing. Please take time to write on a post it where you see God's love blooming or where you are praying for it to bloom. We will share these in our prayers. Place your post it on the railing.

Please stay to listen to more music selections by our Jazz Ensemble and to enjoy our Build Your Own Sundae picnic.

***Benediction**

One: Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always. Go now, as disciples who are ready to step out of the boat toward Jesus with faith and hope, knowing that we are not alone in this work and journey.

Response

A Thousand Amens Tim Timmons

All sung:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Unfailing love comes with the morning
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night
It's Your kindness Lord that leads to our healing
All glory to our maker and a thousand amens.**

*Closing Hymn #4 Spirit, Fill Me Sing! Prayer and Praise

♩=85

1. Spir - it come and fill me, fill me with your peace,
come and fill us, fill us with your peace,

fill me with your joy— and your love. Spir-it come and show me,
fill us with your joy— and your love. Spir-it come and show us,

show me how to care, show me how to share your light.
show us how to care, show us how to share your light.

Help me give my hand to those in need... Let my heart be o-pen to... re-
Help us give our hands to those in need... Let our hearts be o-pen to... re-

Chords: C, G/B, Am⁷, Dm⁷, G⁷, E⁷, Am⁷, Dm⁷, G⁷, C, G/B, Am⁷, Dm⁷, G⁷, E⁷, Am⁷, Dm, G⁷, G^{#dim}, Am⁷, Fmaj⁷, G⁷, C, F, G

C Bm⁷ E⁷ Am⁷ Fmaj⁷ G⁷ C

- ceive. When we share your love, we can work to - geth-er to
 - ceive. When we share your love, we can work to - geth-er to

C⁷ F Am⁷ G⁷ G⁷ C

heal this bro - ken world. _____ 2. & 3. Spir - it light. _____
 heal this bro - ken world. _____

Postlude Music

I will Bless the Lord at all Times

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$5,293.00
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-May)	\$ 169,837.00
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan.May)	\$ 162,264.00
Change from Last Year	4.7%
Budget FY 2023-24 (July-May)	\$ 396,720.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-May)	\$ 380,274.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-4.1%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	N/A
10:30 AM	82
Online Views	92

2024 Donations to the North- ern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, lbs
Total YTD:	\$925, 2,875lbs

OGHS to date	\$871.00
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Presentations to the Glory of God

In memory of Carlton Wehr from Phil and Julie

Good News Sponsor— for \$20 help us cover the costs of advertising on social media, mailings, and local papers.

Children’s Bulletin Sponsor— for \$8 cover the cost of bulletins for children.

Send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or 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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