



July 21, 2024
10:30 am Worship
Baptism

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: Tami Wassum

10:30 am Deb Wenner, Maryann Puia, Gloria Toner, Carol Stout,
Marianne Kitzmiller, Donna Christman, Brian Horwith

Greeters: Carol Pope, Ron Pope, Johanna & Greg Zellner

Sound: Doug Albert

Prelude Music

He Leadeth Me William Bradbury
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.

Call to Worship

One: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

All: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.

One: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

All: Our lives need moments of rest.

One: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

All: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.

One: God's love awaits you. It has been lavished upon you as a gentle summer rain, refreshing your souls, opening your hearts, healing your wounds. Rest here in God's eternal love.

Prayer

Renewing and Nourishing God, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go and things to

worry about and take care of, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. 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** Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
#252 Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lalik Shakira Shabazz

Grandmother Debra Grote
Mother Ashley Shabazz
Sponsors: Amber and Dave Snyder

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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



Music Offering

The Potter's Hand Darlene Zschech, Arr. Lloyd Larson
Olivia Rice

Scripture

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all

the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Response

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet MW Smith

ALL sung:

**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

Sheep Without a Shepherd

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith

Rev. Beckwith is the Pastor Emerita at St. John's UCC, Fullerton. In her retirement, Becky has served as Interim Pastor, Coach, PNEC Sabbatical Conference Minister. Mostly she travels and hangs out with her husband and grandkids.

When we are in the Sanctuary:

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.

Join us for a cold drink and snack in the lobby.

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.

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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-751X/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.)



Electronic Giving

• **FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.



Vanco Mobile

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

• **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.



Venmo

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

Keep your eye on the sparrow! Keep your focus on God's unfolding realm on earth. Keep your heart open allowing it to spill all over everyone you meet. If you have a financial offering, place it in the plate but more importantly place your hand over it and silently commit to God to use your gifts, talents, and heart for furthering the unfolding realm of God on earth.

Music Offering

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked Geoffrey O'Hara
Blake Hoppes

***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**

**ALL: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;**

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi

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***Benediction**

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 Favorite Hymn Medley**

Here I Am Lord

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

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

**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**

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

**"I was there to hear your boring cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."**

**"I was there to hear your boring cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

Dream God's Dream

Dream God's dream
Holy Spirit, help us dream...
Of a world where there is justice,
and where everyone is free
To build and grow and love
And to simply have enough
The world will change when we dream God's dream

I'm dreaming of a world where the color of one's skin
Will mean less than what's within the person's heart
A world where water's clean,
and where air is safe to breathe
And every child born has enough to eat.

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Holy Spirit, help us dream...
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Spirit, Fill Me

**Spirit come and fill me fill me with your peace
fill me with your joy and your love.**

**Spirit come and show me show me how to care
show me how to share your light.**

**Help me give my hand to those in need
let my heart be open to receive.**

**When we share your love
we can work together to heal this broken world.**

**Spirit come and fill me fill me with your peace
fill me with your joy and your love.**

**Spirit come and show me show me how to care
show me how to share your light.**

Postlude Music

The Lord's My Shepherd

Tune: Marosa, James Leith Macbeth Bain,

Arr. Larry Shackley

Blake Hoppes

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,822.00
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	96
Online Views	118

2024 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, lbs
Total YTD:	\$975, 3,325lbs

OGHS to date	\$1,080.54
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Presentations to the Glory of God

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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