



**August 11, 2024  
10:30 am Worship  
Church Picnic**

**GUESTS**, Welcome to our faith community. 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). 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: Devon Kuharik

10:30 am Ushers: Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Laura Kohler, Ralph Gioielli, Connie Gioielli, Carol James

Greeters: Bruce & Chris Roth, Carol Pope, Ron Pope

Sound: Karl Klinger, Mike Baer

## **Prelude Music**

Prelude in A minor from the Christopher Parkening Guitar  
Method, Vol. 1  
**Cameron Kuntz**

## **Welcome**

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

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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: We are caught up in the trials and tribulations of our  
everyday lives.

**ALL: The world seems to swirl around us, as a whirlpool,  
pulling us downward.**

One: Bad news blasts us from every direction.

**ALL: We need God's healing touch right now.**

One: Help us to believe in your healing love, O Lord.

**ALL: Help us to focus our lives on your redeeming presence.**

One: Enable us to reach out to each other  
and to our community.

**ALL: Give us the strength, determination, and commitment to  
speak your word of peace.**

## **Prayer**

One: O Bread of heaven,  
come down.

Come down and fill us with your Spirit—  
for your Spirit satisfies like no other.

We hunger and thirst for you this morning

and long to be nurtured  
in your love and forgiveness.  
So we come to this sacred time and place,  
where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied  
as only your bread can do.  
We will wait and listen  
for your leading in this hour. 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 #421 Lord, I Want to Be A Christian**  
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart.**

**CHORUS**

**In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving**

In my heart.

## CHORUS

Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart.

## CHORUS

Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart.

## CHORUS

Please be seated.

## 10:30 Worship Children's Time

### Children's Time Song – Led by Cameron Kuntz

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**This Summer on Sundays at 10:30 worship through August 25 – Times with Ms. Tiffany.** 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 September 8 - Kids are invited to the Education Hour and Faith Formation for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am on**

Sundays, ages 3 to grade 7.

**Starting September 15 - 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.

**Music Offering** For the Beauty of the Earth  
F.S. Pierpoint John Rutter  
Ensemble directed by **Matt Gerry**

Trumpet - **Andy Hill, Logan Mesics, Matthew Barbieri**  
Alto Saxophone- **Garet Hill**  
Tenor Saxophone - **Justine Gross**  
Baritone - **Alex Gross, Katelyn Attieh**  
Piano - **Blake Hoppes**

**Scripture**  
**1Kings 19:4-8**

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be

angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **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**

#### **Susan Glosan**

Susan is a lifelong member of Union UCC. She is currently in the chaplaincy program at Moravian Theological Seminary.

**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-251X/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.



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• **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.



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### **Invitation to the Offering**

Freely we have received. So, we freely give: grace upon grace. Let's express our love and appreciation to God, by extending the grace and mercy of God to a hungry world.

### **Music Offering**

O Magnify the Lord     Michael O'Shields  
**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: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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### **\*Benediction**

Having been filled by the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, go forth into this world where hunger and thirst persist. Bring the healing, life-sustaining, nourishing word of God and the peace and love of Jesus Christ. Offer the transforming witness of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn** God Will See Us Through Ceurvets, Sirchio

**In times of brokenness, In every wilderness,  
God has seen us through.  
Times when our strength was gone,  
Somehow we carried on,  
God has seen us through.**

**Look behind and see throughout history,  
God has never let us down.  
Lean ahead and trust  
God is guiding us,  
God is with us here right now.**

**God will see me through  
God will see you through  
God will see us through somehow.  
Step by step we'll be,  
Given all we need,  
God will see us through this now.**

**(Repeat)**

**Postlude Music**

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$8,175.00
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-June)	\$ 206,127.00
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan. June)	\$ 196,045.00
Change from Last Year	5.1%
Budget FY 2023-24 (July-June)	\$ 426,800.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-June)	\$ 416,565.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-2.4%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	N/A
10:30 AM	122
Online Views	146

2024 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$, lbs
Total YTD:	\$975, 3,390lbs

Neighbors in Need	
\$237.00	

## 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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