



**August 4,, 2024**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
**Communion**

**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: Don Penrod

10:30 am Ushers: Eric Minnich, Scott Nagle, Tami Wassum, Don Penrod, Jennifer Haley, Suzanne Schneider, Carolyn Seyler

Greeters: Jim & Edie Fella, George & Val Borman

Sound: Mike Baer

## **Prelude Music**

Thy Word    Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith, Arr. Mark Hayes  
**Blake Hoppes**

## **Welcome**

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

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

## **Call to Worship**

One: From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

**ALL: That was the bread from heaven.**

One: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

**ALL: Jesus is the bread of life, the true bread that will nourish our souls.**

One: Be fed and filled today with God's love and grace.

## **Prayer**

One: Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. Through this spiritual banquet we will not hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we are fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Bread of Life, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. 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** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain:**

**Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**[Refrain]**

**3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,**

**leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**[Refrain]**

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.

### **Scripture**

#### **John 6:24-35**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### **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**

Bread or No Bread?  
Pastor Kris

**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.



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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.

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.

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## 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

To Know Your Heart - Medley with: Would I Know You, Sweet, Sweet Spirit; In His Presence, Arr. Bruce Greer

**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

Please be seated.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You will be served in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink until the Pastor invites you to do so.

If you are at home, we invite you to find something to eat and drink that represents communion for you.

A non-gluten option with juice is available in a prepackaged container on the bread tray. Both red wine and white grape juice are on the tray of cups. Please choose either.

One: We gather around the Table in places far and near  
eating sourdough, rye, tortillas, crackers, gluten free,  
wafers, and Wonderbread—

The body of Christ.

Drinking the wine or the juice, the water or lemonade,  
from handmade chalices and silver goblets,  
golden spoons and little mini cups—

The cup of new life.

The bread and the cup unite us  
with all who would follow Jesus.

This meal reaches back through the centuries.

This table reaches around the world.

Let us eat and drink with joy.

And let us be filled in body, mind, and spirit  
with this banquet of love.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/> (adapted)

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

Leader: God of love,  
pour out your spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the love of Christ,  
so that we may be for the world the love of Christ!  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry with all the world,

One: Creator God,  
we give you thanks for the grain farmers,  
the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers.

Redeemer God,  
we give you thanks for all that we remember  
as we have shared this meal:  
your birth, your life, your death and resurrection.

Sustaining God,  
we give you thanks for the eternal presence  
of your Spirit with us,  
surrounding us and filling us with Divine life.

May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us  
to join more joyfully with you  
as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.

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Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

## **BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

L: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

L: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

**Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. You will be served in your seats.**

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## **THE BREAD**

**HYMN** Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees  
#564 Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God

**Let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain:**

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

**[Refrain]**

**Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.**

**[Refrain]**

L: Take and eat, the body of Christ, broken for you.

## **THE CUP**

**HYMN** You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
#173 Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow,**

**Refrain:**

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

**2. You know full well my possessions.  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fishnets and will working.**

**Refrain**

**3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary  
A love that's willing to go on loving.**

**Refrain**

L: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new

covenant, poured out for you.

### **The Blessing**

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep and preserve you unto eternal life.

### **COLLECTING OF CUPS**

**HYMN** Room at the Table Carrie Newcomer, Gary Walters  
**Led by Pastor Kris & Fawn Albert**

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins

**There is room at the table for everyone**

This is where it all begins this is how we gather in

**There is room at the table for everyone**

Too long we have wandered burdened and undone

**But there is room at the table for everyone**

This is how it all begins Let us sing the new world in

**There is room at the table for everyone**

There is room for us all

And no gift is too small

**There is room at the table for everyone**

There's enough if we share

Come on pull up a chair

**There is room at the table for everyone**

No matter who you are no matter where you're from

**There is room at the table for everyone**

Here and now we can be the beloved community

**There is room at the table for everyone**

There is room for us all

And no gift is too small

**There is room at the table for everyone**

There's enough if we share

Come on pull up a chair

## **There is room at the table for everyone**

There is room for us all  
And no gift is too small

### **There is room at the table for everyone**

There's enough if we share  
Come on pull up a chair

### **There is room at the table for everyone**

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins

### **There is room at the table for everyone**

Room at the table  
This is our gathering  
Room at the table for everyone  
Room at the table  
Room at the table for everyone  
Everyone

Please stand in body or spirit.

### **When we are in the sanctuary:**

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### **\*Benediction**

The Bread of Life has called and fed you. Now go forth into God's world to nourish others, bring God's love, hope and peace. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn** God Will See Us Through Ceurvels, 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**

Love Divine, All Love Excelling    John Zundel, Arr. Joel  
Raney

**Blake Hoppes**



# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	.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	108
Online Views	164

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

## 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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