



8 & 10:30am
November 10, 2024
“Whole Heart Hallelujah”
Week 4
Veterans Sunday
Stewardship Sunday

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: 8am Doug Albert, 10:30 Lucille Kuhns

Ushers: 8am: Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson, Larry Todd, Lorie Hackett

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

Greeters: Jim and Leanna Lane, Gene and Christina Thrash

Sound: Doug Albert

Prelude Music

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen Howarth Lemmel

8:00 Heritage Choir

10:30 Blake Hoppes, piano and Mitchell Roth, trumpet

Blake Hoppes

Welcome to Union UCC and Worship Today!

Welcome & Announcements

We pray that this worship series will bring a “breather” and a sense of assurance to us all. Life is a series of exclamations from “O No!” to “Help!” to “Oh Yeah!” We can swing between disappointment, helplessness, and gratitude on a daily basis. The Book of Psalms knows all about this. Written over a span of time from exile and isolation to the rebuilding of the community, the poetry of the Psalms will accompany us in this series, reminding us that through it all, we can trust that God is, indeed, holding our lives.

Let us seek to simplify this moment, slow down for a time.

Let us worship, leaning on prayer, reflection, and sharing with one another.

Threshold “God is Holding Your Life”

Leader: One mode of poetry in the Psalms is all-out praise and thanksgiving, such as the one for today. We also find praise even in Psalms of lament and complaint because “God is good all the time and all the time God is good!” Life is not always good, but when we engage in gratitude, we remember the evidence of God at work in our lives and we remember that indeed, God is holding our lives, even now.

**All Sung: Venturing out or coming home,
'neath heat of day or cool of night,**

**we call the one who hears your voice
and comes to heal and keep your life.**

God is holding your life

God is holding your life

God is holding your life, we believe *[repeat refrain]*

Opening Collect Prayer

Leader: Amazing God,

You do wonderful things—big and small—every day.

Open us this day to recognize the miracles of life all around

us

so that we might stay resilient and ready to create your

reign

on earth as it is in heaven.

**People: We praise you for your continued good works,
holding our lives together each day.**

Amen.

Greeting

Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey,

ALL: You are welcome here. God is holding your life.

***Please stand in body or spirit to greet each other and for
the first song.**

***Opening Hymn #682 A Song of Peace** Gold Hymnal
(Hymns for the Family of God)

Instrumental Ensemble

Director: Mitchell Roth

**Isaac Brace, Andrew Dyszel, Lucas Maxwell, Connor
Maxwell, Mike Baer**

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands a far and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song, Though God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done;
Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one:
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations
Myself I give thee let thy will be done.**

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for all in every place;
And yet I pray for my beloved country
The reassurance of continued grace:
Lord help us find our oneness in the Savior
In spite of differences of age and race.**

Please be seated.

10:30 Worship Children's Time

Children are invited forward during the song and then leave with Ms. Tiffany for Children's Church.

**Let everything that God made say thank you Lord
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Let everything that God made say thank you Lord**

Thank you God for making me!

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.

8:00 and 10:30 Music Offering

America the Beautiful
Instrumental Ensemble

Director: Mitchell Roth

Isaac Brace, Andrew Dyszel, Lucas Maxwell, Connor Maxwell, Mike Baer

Scripture Psalm Reading Psalm 111

Alleluia!

I will thank you, ADONAI, with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are your works,
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious are your works,
and your justice stands firm forever.
You make us remember your wonders—
you are compassion and love.

You give food to those who revere you,
keeping your Covenant ever in mind.
You reveal to your people the power of your actions
by giving them the lands of the nations
as their inheritance.

The works of your hands are truth and justice,
and all your precepts are sure,
standing firm forever and ever,
and carried out uprightly and faithfully.

You have sent deliverance to your people
and established your Covenant forever.
Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring!

Reverence for ADONAI
is the beginning of wisdom—
those who have it prove themselves wise.
Your praise will last forever!

Reflection Rooted and Built Up in Christ

Colossians 2: 6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him, 7rooted and built up in
him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

**The Financial Leadership Team: Don Penrod, Phil Wehr,
Marianne Kitzmiller, Pastor Kris**

**Other FLT Members: John Harting, Rob Cahill, Brian Horwith,
Larry Todd**

God Is Holding Us Moment

**Keeping the Faith as Members and Disciples of Union UCC
for 40+ Years.**

**John & Gloria Simock
Donna Christman**

“Selah” Moment

We come to our moment of “Selah”—that mysterious word found in the Psalms that in A “Selah” pause can also mean taking a moment to breath a prayer of thanksgiving in a random moment in our day, as we come across a flower or a breeze that reminds us to be grateful. As we have done every week in this series, we pause now for a moment. We will hear [the sound] and then have some silence. Feel free to close your eyes if you like. Imagine yourself held in safety and love and care. When you hear [the sound] again, open your eyes.

Silence

Prayers of the People

Each week we will have a moment to write prayer concerns on small pieces of paper. We will then place these prayers in a container at the altar railing - a symbolic action of placing them in God's hands, God's care. You can use the prayer slips in the pew rack and then place them in the offering plate later. Let the people say, “Selah” **Selah!**

Let us continue our prayers. I will offer a category of concern and we will allow a brief pause. As a prayer posture for this worship series, I invite you to cup your hands, ready to receive God's love and peace, and in preparation to be God's love and peace in the world.

Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

God of Justice, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind...

Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Holy and Living One, for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know, hear our prayer.

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.**

Sung Prayer Response

You Will Find Me Andrew Ripp

All Sung:

When your soul's weary

When you find doubt

When you can't hear me

Lay your troubles down

In your dark moments

When your heart's weak

Bring yourself broken

You will find me

[Chorus]

Who wrote the rain?

Who wrote the sun in?

Who called your name?

Where are you runnin'?
I'm gonna be there near or far
I'm gonna meet you where you are
Who wrote the rain?
Who wrote the sun in?

When you come thirsty
When the well's dry
When your soul's dirty
I am by your side
When your faith's broken
When you can't see
With my arms open
You will find me

[Chorus]

Who wrote the rain?
Who wrote the sun in?
Who called your name?
Where are you runnin'?
I'm gonna be there near or far
I'm gonna meet you where you are
Who wrote the rain?
Who wrote the sun in?

[Outro]

Mm-mm-mm, mm
Mm-mm-mm, mm
Mm-mm-mm, mm
You will find me
Mm-mm-mm, mm
You will find me

Veterans Music Medley

Blake Hoppes, Piano and Mitchell Roth, Trumpet

**During this song, please stand when the song from your branch of the service begins. You are also invited to stand to represent someone in your family.*

Patriotic Medley Arr. Amy Potter
U.S. Air Force: *The U.S. Air Force Song*
U.S. Army: *The Army Goes Rolling Along*
U.S. Navy: *Anchors Aweigh*
U.S. Marines: *The Marine's Hymn*
U.S. Coast Guard: *Semper Paratus*

A Prayer for Veterans Day by Jill Duffield, The Presbyterian Outlook

Leader: Lord of all, you long for a time when all nations will be ruled with justice and a world where everyone lives in safety and harmony. Until that time when swords are beaten into plowshares and the wolf and the lamb eat together, we give thanks for veterans who have served their country with honor and courage.

We remember the sacrifices made by members of the military and their families. We know that they endured long seasons apart from loved ones, the disruption of moves and deployments, the stress of being sent to regions engulfed by violence, the repercussions of physical, spiritual and moral injuries.

Where the pain of those injuries persists, bring healing. Where the memories of that trauma are harrowing, grant relief. Where the grief of those losses threaten to overwhelm, grant hope.

We pray, gracious God, for an end to war and for the new earth where there will be no need for military might. But now, we ask your blessing upon our veterans and those closest to them that they may know the gift of your presence and the peace that passes understanding. Amen.

NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH

AT UNION

OFFERING



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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.

Music Offering

Blessed Assurance Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp
Julie Wehr

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

***Offering Response**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Sing! Prayer and Praise #139

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime Lord, and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime Lord, and anywhere.**

Benediction

Now go in the knowledge that
God is holding your life
even as we hold each other.
You are not alone.
You are loved.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn #695 My Country 'Tis of Thee**
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God
Instrumental Ensemble

Director: Mitchell Roth

**Isaac Brace, Andrew Dyszel, Lucas Maxwell, Connor
Maxwell, Mike Baer**

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing: land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride
From every mountainside let freedom ring**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
Thy name I love, I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills like that above**

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song, let mortal tongues awake
Let all that breathe partakes
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong

Our father's God to thee, author of liberty
To thee we sing: long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by thy might, great God our King

Postlude Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther
Blake Hoppes

Worship Theme: c. Worship Design Studio
Worship Design Team: Kathy Bonsell, Claire Kern, Deb Topp,
Pastor Kris

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VETERAN'S

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2nd Class Engineman Terry
Warmkessel

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week	\$9,284.00	8 AM	51
<i>Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-Sept.)</i>	\$ 288,842.00	10:30 AM	94
<i>Calendar Year 2023 (Jan.-Sept.)</i>	\$ 279,515.00	Online Views	459
Change from Last Year	3.3%	Sunday School	15
Budget FY 2024-25 (<i>July-Sept.</i>)	\$ 84,430.00	God First	25
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (<i>July-Sept.</i>)	\$ 82,665.00	Faith on Tap	30
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-2.1%	Breathe	15
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>		2024 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
		Last Week:	\$50, 350bs
		Total YTD:	\$1150, 4,915lbs

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In memory of Velma Wehr from Phil and Julie

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