

Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking
Through our hands, Christ is still serving
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



April 21, 2024

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.



Welcome to Union Church!

- Today's service is being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.
- During the Children's Moments, the live stream will display a graphic, in order to protect our children's privacy.
- Please see an usher if you would like a children's activity packet or if you need help finding the nursery.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card at the usher's station or email office@unionucc.com to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home one of the yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folders, located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We continue to encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to make sure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters, particularly if you or someone you live with have health concerns

Interested in Learning More About Union Church?

Interested in learning more about Union Church and discerning whether this is the right church home for you? Our Membership and Inreach Ministry will be hosting two classes to help people get to know Union, our community, and each other on Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. It's helpful to participate in both sessions.

After those two sessions, people who would like to join the church will be received into membership during worship on Sunday, May 19.

Please contact the church office at office@unionucc.com or 920-437-9266, to register.

Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All



Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: *"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd"* --from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
arr. Sam Stranz

With music and silence we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome! Please share Announcements, Ministry Opportunities, Joys and Concerns.

PRAISING OUR GOD

THE BOND OF UNION (in unison)

Giving our all as we have been given all...

We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ Spirit dominant in our lives and in all human relations.

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: The Good Shepherd is our guide,

All: we are not alone.

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to expansive life

All: and leads us to sacred waters.

Leader: The Good Shepherd refreshes our souls,

All: luring us toward the ways of life for the sake of love,

Leader: beckoning us to walk the ways of righteousness and grace.

All: Lead us, Goodness and Mercy,

Leader: help us to remember that, no matter how far we stray,
nothing can separate us from your love.

*GATHERING PRAYER: (in unison)

Even when we walk through the valley of pain and struggle and the unthinkable,
May we fear no evil, for the love of God is with those who cherish tenderness.
God, your steadfastness, your devotion to compassion, they comfort us.
Lead us to that place where your table is spread with forgiveness and grace.
In the presence of our enemies, may we anoint each other with loving care until our cups
overflow. With Jesus, Our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*HYMN: *"My Shepherd is the Living God"* arr. Sam Stranz
(see page 5)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 p. 501

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.
Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.
Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "playground" in the
south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery
with our paid nursery staff. Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"The Shepherd"* Duke Ellington

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 p. 103

THE SERMON: *"I Just Wanna Be a Sheep"* Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN: *"You Are Mine"* David Haas
(see page 6)

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please join us in praying the Lord’s Prayer in these words or a translation meaningful to you.

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.

THE OFFERING

Offertory: *“Pastoral Symphony” --from Messiah*

G. F. Handel
arr. Sam Stranz

*Praise Response: *“Halleluja”*

HALLELUJA

Traditional

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God Our Shepherd, you restore our souls, leading us beside still waters, helping us to find green pastures in which to rest. Just as you assure us that your mercy and compassion are as near and as eternal as our shadows, we dedicate these offerings and all of the ways we live our faith to expanding your ways in the world. May your mercy and compassion and healing and hope abound! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

My Shepherd is the Living God

Straight Eighth, Liltng ♩ = 100

Consolation, arr. Stranz

Cmaj6 C/B♭ Cmaj6 C/B♭ D-9/G G13

4 Cmaj6 C/B♭

1. My shep - herd is the liv - ing God, I
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, your
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -

7 D-9/G G13 Cmaj6 C/B♭

there - fore noth - ing need; In pas - tures fair, near
 pres - ence is my stay; A word of your sup -
 tend me all my days; O may your house be

10 D-9/G G13 Cmaj6

pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed. You
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. Your
 my a - bode, and all my work be praise. There

13 C/E♭ B♭maj7 A♭maj7 G-7 C7

bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake your
 hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble
 would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and

16 Fmaj7 F-6 Cmaj7 C/B♭ A♭maj7 A-7

ways, And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in
 spread; My cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your
 go No more a stran - ger or a guest, but

19 D-9/G G13 F-6/C Cmaj6

paths of truth and grace.
 oil a - noints and my head.
 like a child at home.

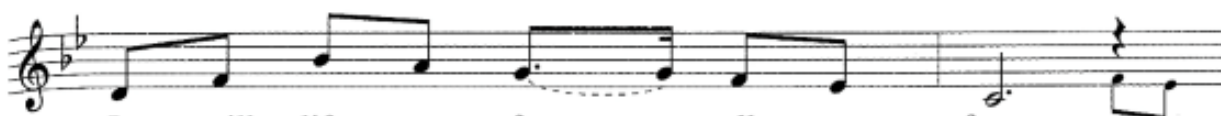
You Are Mine

Text: David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957
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Verses



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,
2. I am hope for all who are hope-less,
3. I am strength for all the des - pair-ing,
4. am the Word that leads all to free-dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear. In the
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac-ing all your pain, stand

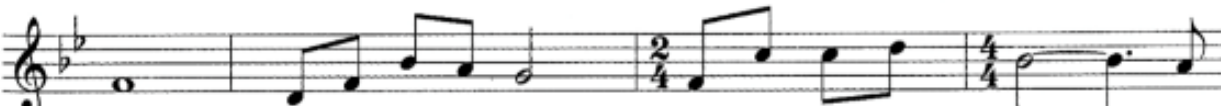


still and know I am here. (To verse 2)
come and rest in me. (To refrain)
all will know my name. (To refrain)
up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.

D.C.

4. I

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round

African American Spiritual, arr. Stranz

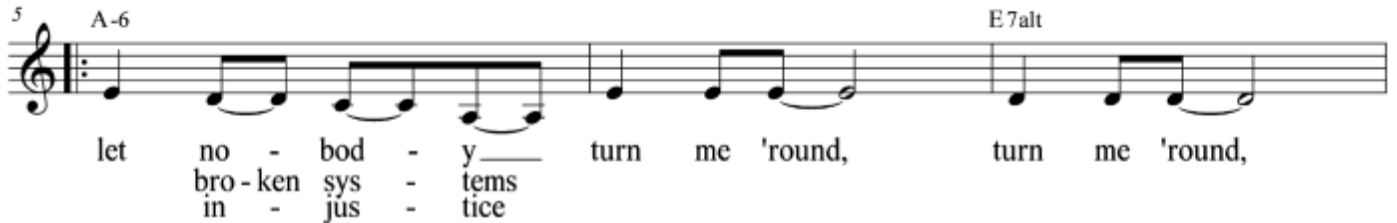
A-6 B-7(b5) E7alt A-6 E7alt



Musical staff with chords A-6, B-7(b5), E7alt, A-6, and E7alt. The staff contains rhythmic notation consisting of slanted lines, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern.

Ain't gon - na

5 A-6 E7alt



Musical staff with notes and lyrics. Chords A-6 and E7alt are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: let no - bod - y turn me 'round, turn me 'round, bro - ken sys - tems in - jus - tice

8 A-6 A-6



Musical staff with notes and lyrics. Chords A-6 and A-6 are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: turn me 'round. Ain't gon - na let no - bod - y turn me 'round. I'm gon - na bro - ken sys - tems in - jus - tice

11 Bb7 G7(b9)



Musical staff with notes and lyrics. Chords Bb7 and G7(b9) are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: keep on a - walk - in', keep on a - talk - in',


13 E7alt

1, 2, 3.
A-6



Musical staff with notes and lyrics. Chord E7alt is indicated above the staff. A first ending bracket labeled '1, 2, 3.' and 'A-6' spans the end of the staff. The lyrics are: work - ing for a bet - ter world. Ain't gon - na

15 A-6 B-7(b5) E7alt A-6 B-7(b5) E7alt



Musical staff with chords A-6, B-7(b5), E7alt, A-6, B-7(b5), and E7alt. The staff contains rhythmic notation consisting of slanted lines.

19 A-6 B-7(b5) E7alt A-6



Musical staff with chords A-6, B-7(b5), E7alt, and A-6. The staff contains rhythmic notation consisting of slanted lines.

Our Housing Offering is May 12

This congregation is generous. There's a widespread recognition that our gifts are meant to be shared. That Spirit has sustained this church since 1836!

We will extend that generosity through our Housing Offering on May 12. This offering supports the work of the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH).

EPH brings together diverse congregations to partner in ways that provide some people who are housing insecure in Green Bay with solid, decent housing, along with the opportunity to gain skills to thrive. Jubilee House, in Union's backyard, is part of EPH and it is Union's responsibility to maintain this property.

That's no small gift—to participate in the resurrection of Jesus! As we continue our Easter celebration of new life, let's continue Union's legacy of generosity through this special offering.



Used Book Sale coming soon...
Sundays, May 5 and May 12!

Bring your donations to the church library by April 30. More books to share, more fun, more space for you on your shelves!

Sunday Adult Education

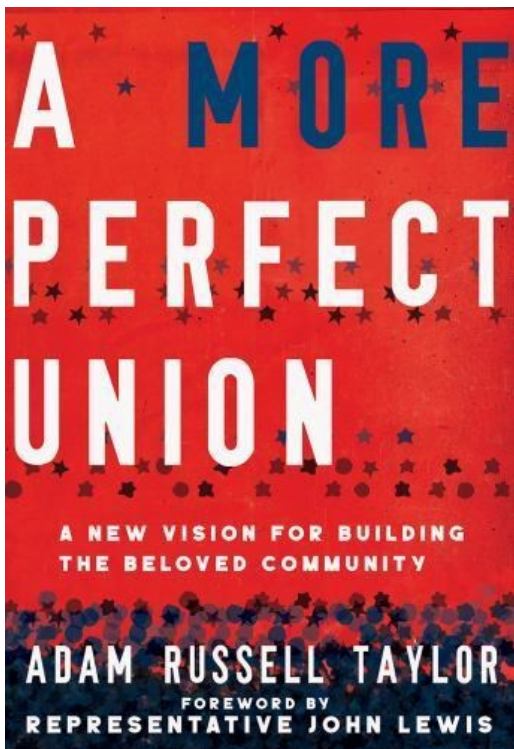
Gather in Bagby Chapel at 9 a.m. for these informative and inspiring conversations:

April 28—Rev. Daniel Cooperrider

UCC pastor Rev. Daniel Cooperrider will lead our commemoration of Earth Day. A graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago Divinity School, Daniel writes at the intersections of theology, environmental ethics, poetry, aesthetics, and climate justice. Daniel will share insights from his 2022 book “Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You.”

May 5—Students of Black Theology

Over the past semester, five St. Norbert College students in Dr. Craig Ford’s Black Theology class have been learning about Union’s history around racial justice. These students will share some of their learnings as well as how Union might continue its anti-racism journey.



JOSHUA Big Read of *A More Perfect Union*

The JOSHUA Spiritual Leaders invite you to a Big Read
of
A More Perfect Union by Adam Russell Taylor

All are invited to obtain a copy of *A More Perfect Union* and begin reading on the anniversary of Rev. Dr. King’s assassination, April 4, 1968. The Big Read will then gather readers throughout the community in Zoom sessions as we discuss Section 1 on May 2 and Section 2 on May 30. We will culminate by finishing the book and Zooming with Rev. Taylor on June 20. All Zooms are at 7 p.m.

No need to register, simply join us for one or all sessions using the link in your This Week at Union Friday email.

Weekly Planner

April 22 — 27

Tuesday:

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday:

- 6:00 p.m. New Members Class

NEXT SUNDAY: April 28 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education:
Rev. Daniel Cooperrider
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
in the sanctuary
followed by Coffee Hour
in the church hall OR
stream it online

Seeking

Sunday Morning Childcare

We are seeking someone 18 or older who is loving, energetic, patient, reliable, and good with kids to help staff our church nursery for 2 to 3 hours 2 to 3 Sunday mornings per month. Compensation is competitive. If you know someone who might be interested, have them contact Pastor Bridget for details.

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Union Congregational United Church of Christ is an **Open and Affirming Congregation**. We are a Christian fellowship where diverse perspectives may live together in the Spirit of Christ and where all persons are precious children of God without qualification or discrimination because of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

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Priscilla Circle Meets Tuesday, April 23

Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 1 p.m. in the English Room. Cruise along the Danube with Betty Hartman as she shares highlights of her recent travels. Join us!

Our Church Staff

Senior MinisterBridget Flad Daniels
Administrative Assistant.....Eric Goska
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