

# 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



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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.

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# 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.
- 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](mailto:office@unionucc.com) to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home a yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folder located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters, particularly if you or someone you live with have health concerns.



## Outreach Opportunities

### **SOUPER COOKS SHELTER MEALS**

Souper Cooks is a group of volunteers who prepare and serve meals at the New Community Shelter, located at 301 Mather Street, Green Bay.

**SEPTEMBER 25: A New Season Begins!**  
We serve on the fourth Thursday of the month, *except in June, July, August and November.*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE**

**Preparing the Meal: 1:00 PM**  
A team of 6 to 8 volunteers prepares the meal.

**Serving the Meal: 4:45 PM – 6:30 PM**  
A team of 3 to 4 volunteers greets and serves the community.

**LEARN MORE AND VOLUNTEER!**  
Contact Marty Berry at [mjpberry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjpberry@sbcglobal.net) or 920-983-1754.

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

**ReUnion Sunday — 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(\*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: "Toccata in C" Johann Pachelbel

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

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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: People of God: welcome!

**All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**All: God invites everyone to be a part of the beloved community,**

Leader: Christ invites all of us to share in the good news:

**All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, as we are, even as God draws us toward what we can become. We are commissioned, to spread the Spirit's healing and peace.**

Leader: In gratitude for all of this and more, let us worship God. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Leader: We come together, not to hide away from the world, but to build community in it; to build a sanctuary amidst the chaos; to grow futures safe for all children; to nurture beauty and connection. In this shared longing, let us take a moment to silently offer our prayers of confession.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Faithful One, our causes for deep concern seem to multiply each day. We wonder how to hold it all. As we do, keep us from withdrawing into powerlessness. Shield us from justifying acts of evil. Tend with us the fears, the traumas, and the legacies that constrict our participation in the common good. As people of resurrection, help us to trust and live as agents of your grace. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (in unison)

**Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia and amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*"For Everyone Born"*  
(see page 5)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE:**

Joel 2:12-16

p. 847

### **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.

**CHORAL ANTHEM:**

*"More Love"*

Mark Miller

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

Luke 15:1-10

p. 78

**SERMON:**

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**HYMN:**

*"For All the Children"*  
(see page 8)

David Lohman

## THE OFFERING

Offertory:

\*Praise Response

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"*

arr. Mark Hayes

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the king-dom of God and its right-eous-ness,  
and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

- L. The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
All. **You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, if ever.**  
L. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short.  
All. **Come, all who seek to follow Christ's way. It is Christ who offers to encounter us here.**

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

- L. The Lord be with you.  
P. **And also with you.**  
L. Lift up your hearts!  
P. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
L. Let us give thanks to God Most High.  
P. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### CONGREGATIONAL SANCTUS:

*"Santo, Santo, Santo"*

anonymous, Argentina

San-to, san-to, san-to, mi cor-a-zón te a-do-ra! Mi  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you! My  
cor-a-zón te sa-be de-cir: san-to e-res Dios.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho-ly, God.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion servers will pass trays of bread, red wine, and white grape juice through the pews. Please let an usher know if you would prefer to commune with the prepackaged Communion elements, and they will bring one to you. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served so that we may commune together. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup in the center of the tray.

The host at this table is Jesus Christ. In Christ's name and spirit, we invite all to partake of God's grace. Children may participate according to their parents' wishes.

### PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION, OF THE PEOPLE, AND OF OUR LORD

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.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (responsive)

Leader: We have been found by our God.

**All: Now may this sacred meal nourish us to search for those forgotten by the world.**

Leader: We have been welcomed by Jesus.

**All: Now may this sacred meal embolden us to embrace those who have been left out.**

Leader: We have been gathered in community by the Spirit.

**All: Now may this sacred meal energize us to be family to those who long to draw near to hope.**

## **SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN:

*"Canticle of the Turning"*  
(see pages 6-7)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE:

*"Recessional"*

F. W. Asper

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Ed Tucker**,  
and **Beth Piontek** who offered our Bible Presentation.

Our Call to Worship is adapted from Hold Fast To What Is Good by Beth Merrill Neel.

Our Prayer of Confession is adapted from Liturgies That Matter by enfleshed.

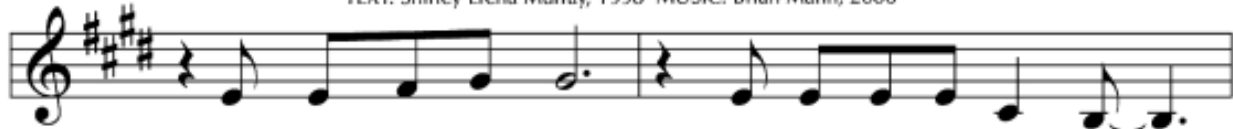
Our Prayer of Dedication is adapted from Thom Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies.

# For Everyone Born

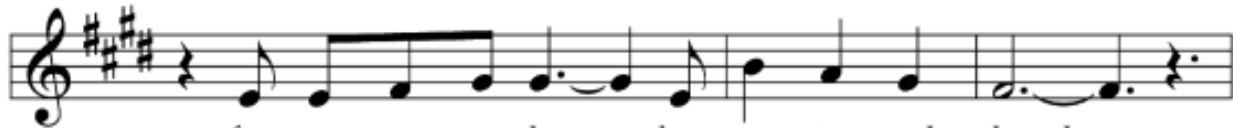
TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain



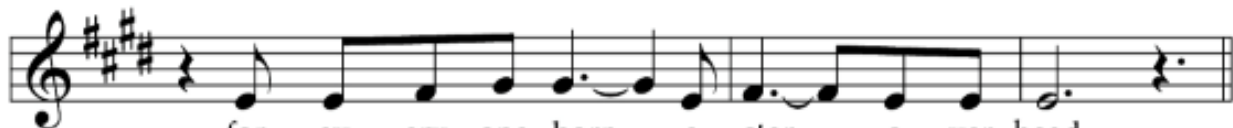
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
and all those be - tween, be - yond, and be - sides,  
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
ex - pan - ding our world, dis - man - tl - ing pow - er,  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
each val - ued for what their voice can pro - vide.  
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

## Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!



# Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the'. The second staff continues with 'fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the'. The third staff concludes with 'dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!'. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

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**The Next Fox River Trail Saturday Social Walk is October 18**

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# For All the Children

David Lohman

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we  
 2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free; and we  
 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame so a -  
 5 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and wide can\_  
 dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love, though the day may not yet  
 sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be, that they nev - er have a  
 - afraid of who they are and whom they love. May the mess - age now be  
 10 live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride. As they grow in strength and  
 be here, we trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 rea - son to doubt that they are blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.  
 ban - ished that Your love is for the few, may our faith in You re - new.  
 sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

## REFRAIN

16 O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen  
 20 wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side. For in God there is a  
 26 wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

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## PRIDE Alive

Union is excited to again have a booth at NEW PRIDE Alive at the Brown County Fairgrounds on **September 20**. We will have treats, info about Union, a gallery of LGBTQIA+ family photos, and will offer glitter blessings! Volunteers are needed to staff the booth, to talk about why you love Union, and to offer glitter blessings (we'll have instructions and glitter!). Sign up at Union Central or contact the church office to take a two-hour shift or two on Saturday (noon to 6).

## Good Neighbor Week

Union is partnering with Neighborworks Green Bay to participate in Good Neighbor Week by helping our neighbors with minor home repairs or yard work. Our shift is **Wednesday, September 24 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.** Sign up at Union Central or contact the church office.

## Sojourner Circle Gathering This Thursday!

**Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at The Mauthe Center**

Circle members will attend a talk by Asha Rangappa, "Preserving Democracy in the (Dis) Information Age," for the Miller Family Lecture in Human Rights and Public Understanding. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. Email [emilyclakatos@gmail.com](mailto:emilyclakatos@gmail.com) for more information.

Sojourner Circle is a group of women supporting each other through career decisions, raising children, personal growth, mid-life reflections, and more. All who identify as women are welcome.



### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Celebrating the history of  
**Women's  
Fellowship Groups**

*Union*  
CONGREGATIONAL

## SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST  
9:00 AM IN BAGBY CHAPEL**

Join us for a new periodic Adult Education series featuring stories from Union Church history!

Our first topic is the history of Women's Fellowship Groups from 1970 - 1992.

Learn about Women's Fellowship Group initiatives, benefiting both the church and outreach ministries!

## Weekly Planner

September 15 — 20

### **Monday:**

11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch at  
the Village Grille

### **Tuesday:**

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Wednesday:**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Youth Groups  
6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

### **Thursday:**

6:30 p.m. Sojourner Circle

### **Saturday:**

12:00 p.m. Pride Alive at  
Brown County Fairgrounds

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### **NEXT SUNDAY: September 21** **15th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
9:00 a.m. Adult Ed: History of  
Women's Fellowship  
Groups at Union Church  
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearses  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary  
OR stream it online  
followed by Coffee Hour  
in the church hall

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## Union Congregational United Church of Christ

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**

Priscilla Circle returns at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, in the English Room. Have questions? Contact Helen Krueger at [chkrueger@new.rr.com](mailto:chkrueger@new.rr.com).

### **Our Church Staff**

Senior Minister..... Bridget Flad Daniels  
Administrative Assistant..... Eric Goska  
Financial Secretary..... Katrina Catteruccia  
Building & Maintenance Supervisor..... Brad Dorin  
Music Director..... Haley Steele  
Organist..... Franklin Beyer  
Handbell Ensemble Director..... Linda Cook  
Librarian..... Cathy Putman  
AV Coordinator..... Dan Hatton

Student Music Interns: Zeke Fietsch-Huber,  
Caleb Hale, and Caitlyn Kolter

Nursery Attendants: Jenna Stevens, London Graham,  
Katelyn Mertens, and Scott Nixon