

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



October 19, 2025

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 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.

Christmas is Right Around the Corner!

Your Christmas Tree and Wreath Committee is looking forward to our eighth year for this fundraiser. This is an all-hands-on-deck event that takes many people to pull off.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar.

- **Saturday, November 8 at 9 a.m.** — Wreath tent and tree lot assembly (weather permitting). We will need at least six people.
- **Saturday, November 15 at 9 a.m.** — Wreath decorating in the church hall. The more the merrier.
- **Friday, November 21 at 2 p.m.** — Wreath tent and tree lot opens.

There are sign-up sheets for the first two events in Union Central. You can help now by looking through your Christmas items that you may want to discard and save any you think would look good on a wreath. Please box them up and bring to the church hall the week starting Monday, November 10. There will be tables to place your treasures along the window wall. If you would like us to create matching wreaths, please chat with Jeff Carels before that week. Thanks again for supporting this fun and important fund raiser.

—Christmas Tree and Wreath Committee

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost Heifer Sunday

October 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

"We Gather Together"

arr. Franklin Ritter

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: We gather in God's holy presence, who etches grace on our hearts.

All: May God transform us ever more deeply into disciples of Jesus.

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for all.

All: May God write compassion on our souls.

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in loving us.

All: May the Spirit breathe the Word into our lives afresh.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

Leader: Resolute in heart, we refuse to give up on a world that, while imperfect, is also alive with freedom and flourishing. Let us practice Tikkun Olam together, that is, mending the world, sharing what we have and taking care of each other, offering our confessions, our fears, as well as our hopes, honestly before the Lord.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Forgive us, God of Wonder. We pray that you continue to immerse us in your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)

Leader: God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

All: God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

(Please turn and offer a sign of Christ's peace to one another.)

* HYMN:

"Canticle of the Sun"
(see page 4)

Marty Haugen

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 31:27-34

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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:

"Creation Will Be At Peace"

Anna Laura Page

SCRIPTURE READING:

2 Timothy 4:1-5

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THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HYMN NO. 21:

"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"
(see page 5)

TERRA BEATA
The New Century Hymnal

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:

"Reflections in the River"

Thomas Keesecker

*Praise Response:

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

May our gratitude be offered with these gifts, praying that what we share will bring healing, hope, grace, and peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN:

"Whatever You Do"
(see back page)

CRADLE SONG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

arr. John Leavitt

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **David Thie**, and **Wendy Woodward and Heather Collins** who offered our Children's Moments.

Our written prayers today are adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers have been given in loving memory of Barbara Strom.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

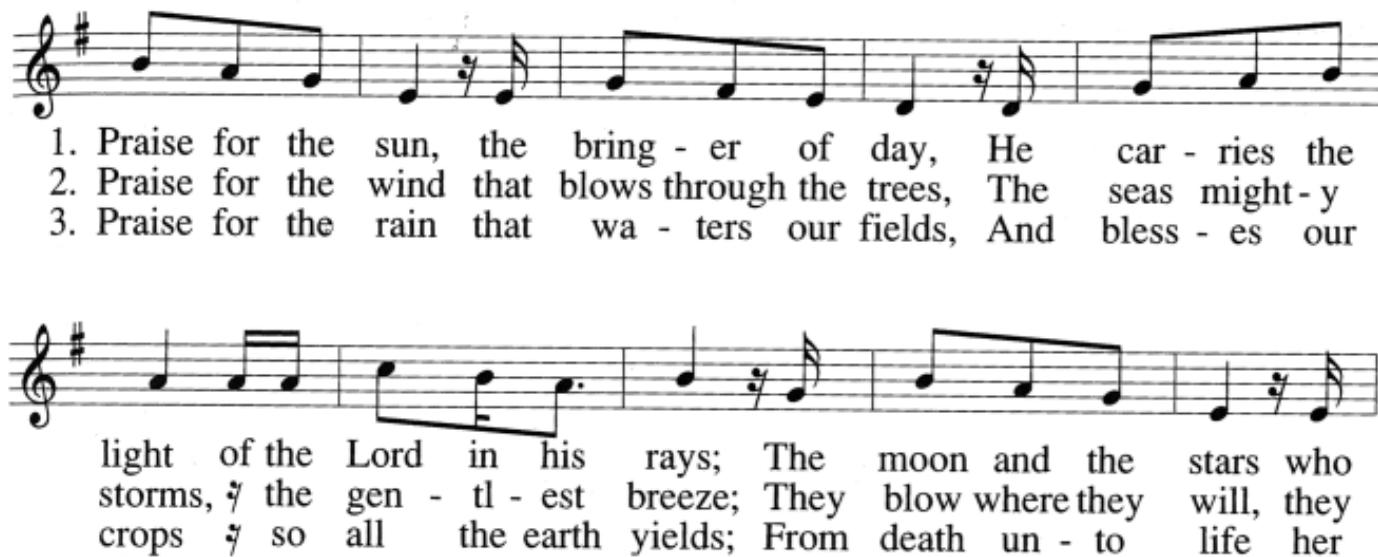
Canticle of the Sun

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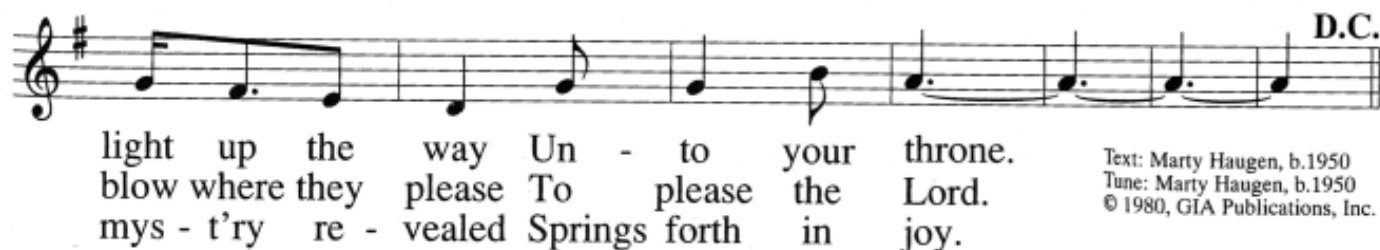


The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and
all cre - a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the
for - est, come, play in the field, and sing,
sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, 7 the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops 7 so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her



light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.

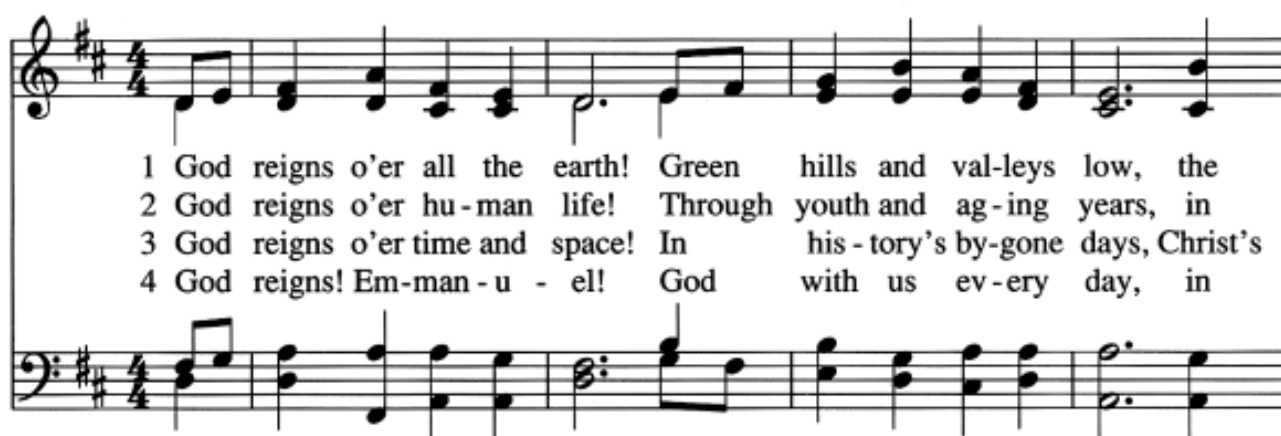
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God Reigns o'er All the Earth

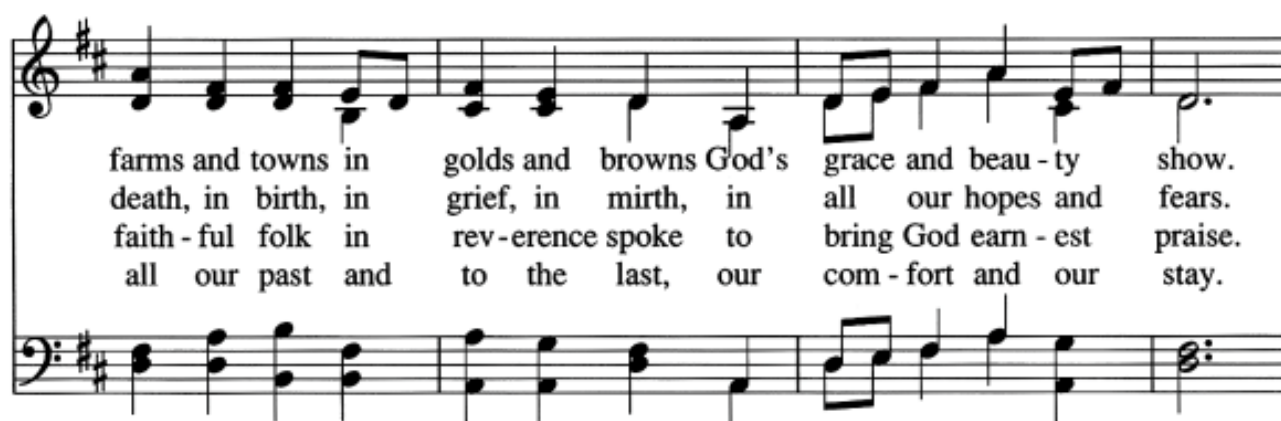
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Isa. 52:7-10

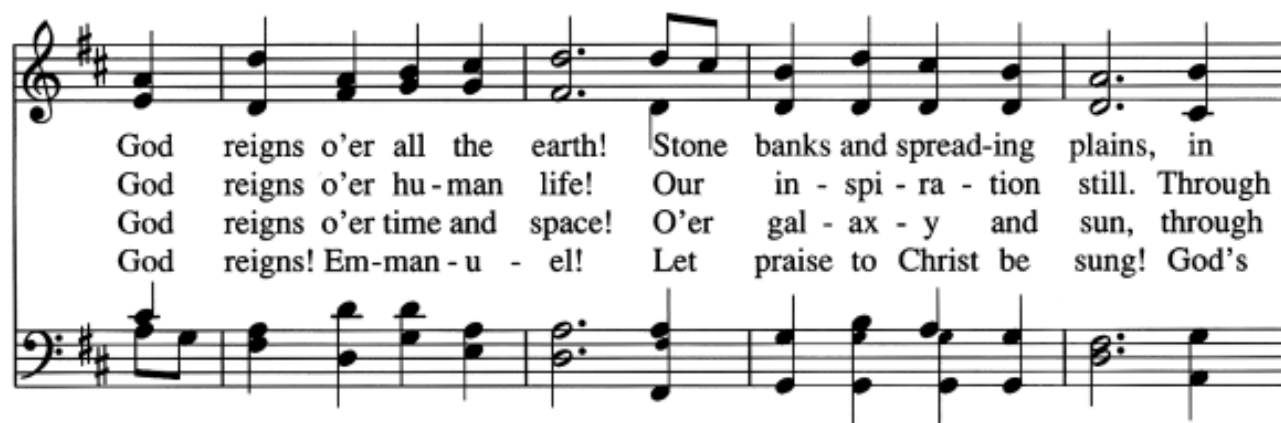
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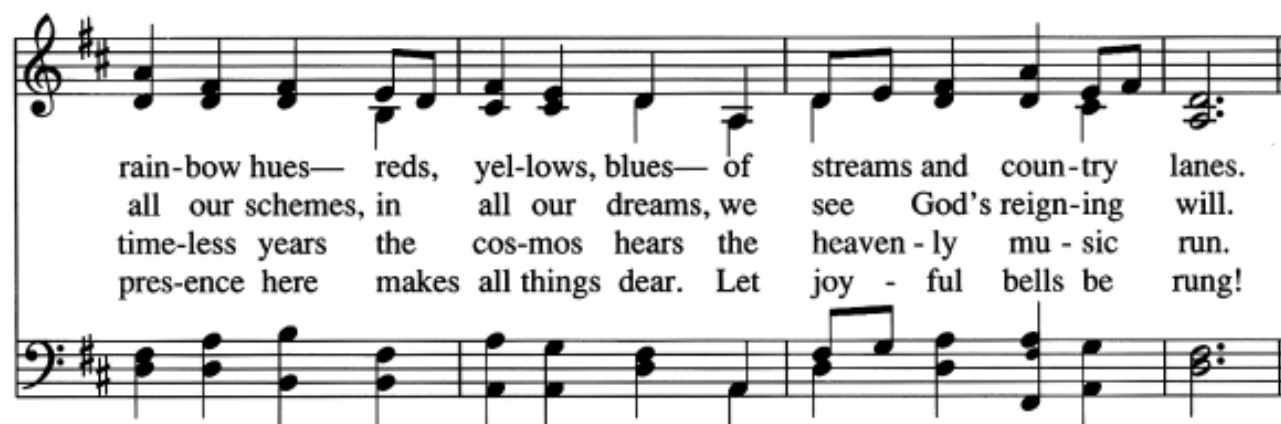
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
 faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
 all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain-bow hues—reds, yel-lows, blues—of streams and coun-try lanes.
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

Whatever You Do

CRADLE SONG 11 11.11 11

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C7 F F F Gm/F

1. "What - ev - er you do to the least ones of these, I
 2. When poor, wait - ing chil - dren pray hun - ger will end, when
 3. In pris - ons and jails, Lord, we find a sur - prise: we
 5. "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teach - ing is clear that

5 C7/E F G7 C

tell you in truth that you do un - to me!" Lord
 those long - for - got - ten cry out for a friend, when
 see you in peo - ple whom oth - ers de - spise. At
 when we serve oth - ers, we're serv - ing you here. And

9 F F F Gm

Je - sus, you taught us! May we learn a - new that
 thirst - y ones whis - per, "O Lord, where are you?" we
 hos - pi - tal bed - sides we of - fer a prayer and
 when your church heeds you and helps those in pain, then

13 C/E F Gm/Bb C F

when we serve oth - ers, we al - so serve you.
 hear, in their long - ing, that you're call - ing, too.
 find, when we vis - it the sick, you are there.
 out of the cha - os, hope ris - es a - gain.