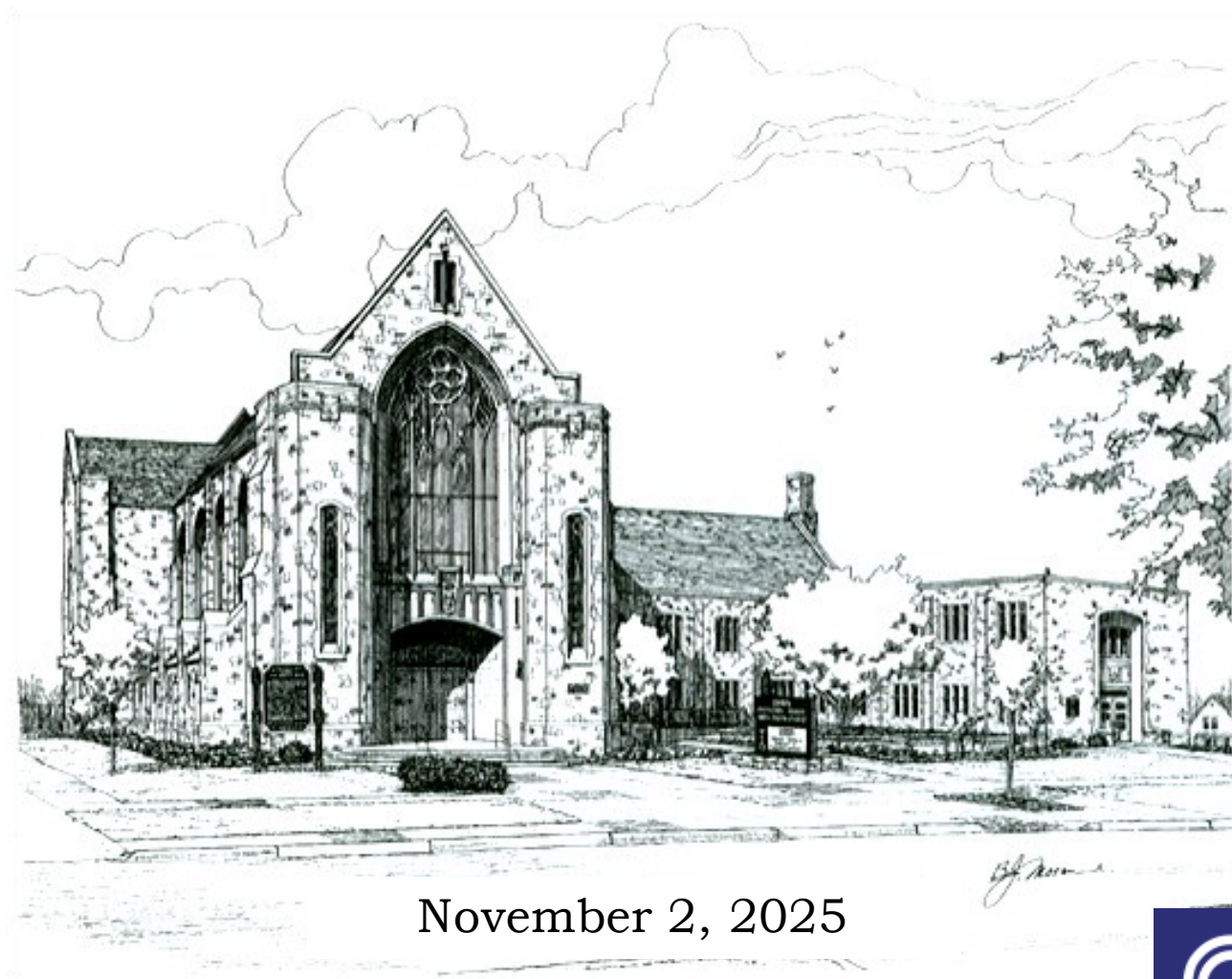


Union Congregational United Church of Christ



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



November 2, 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.

Cooks Who Care Meals Available

Do you know someone in need of a kind gesture or a helping hand?

Sojourner Circle's Cooks Who Care program has prepared meat and vegetarian oven-ready chili casseroles for anyone who could use one. Please help us share the love—take one for yourself or someone else in need. There are three sizes, and they're located on the top shelf of the church kitchen freezer.



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

21st Sunday after Pentecost — Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* arr. Joel Raney
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) [based on Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4]

Leader: We know what it is to cry out, "Enough already!"

All: To see wrongdoing and wonder why justice feels so far away.

Leader: But, inspired by the prophets, we choose to stand our ground, to keep watch, to keep faith.

All: For God's vision is still unfolding, and we are part of it.

Leader: God calls us to watch, to listen, to hope, to act.

All: God's vision is still alive—it will come.

Leader: Even when the proud seem to prosper, we trust the promise: the righteous live by faithfulness.

All: So let us worship with courage, and let us live as if God's justice is already breaking through.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

Leader: We confess that we see wrongdoing and grow weary, the times we hear the cries of our neighbors and turn away. All too often, we cling to what we have, forgetting that generosity is a pathway to freedom. Let us take a moment to offer our silent prayers of confession to God.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Forgive us, O God. Cleanse our hearts, not with guilt, but with grace. Renew in us the courage of Zacchaeus— to climb higher when we cannot see clearly, to listen when you call our name, and to give joyfully as a sign of your transforming love.

Teach us again to live by faithfulness—as individuals, as a church, and as a people committed to Jesus’ ways of justice and peace. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** (responsive)

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: God’s grace is wider than our fear, deeper than our failures, and more enduring than any policy or regime.

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made ready to begin again.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***HYMN:** *“Sing a New Church”* Delores Dufner
(see page 5)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:10-17 p. 630

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM: *“God Has Work for Us to Do”* Mark Miller

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10 p. 82

THE SERMON: Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 347: *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* LINSTAD
(see page 6) The New Century Hymnal

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. John Carter

*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.*

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 THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Faithful One, we know that you are Love itself. Put this sacrament to work in us. Wherever Love cries out for assistance, may we recognize it as your voice, as your plea, as your invitation into living this Communion. When you reach out toward us, may we find the courage, wisdom, and insight to reach back, protecting and cherishing one another and all our neighbors near and far. In Jesus' name we humbly pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

* CLOSING HYMN:

"For All the Children"
(see page 7)

David Lohman

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

arr. John Carter

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Megan Gleason**, and **Ed Tucker** who offered our Children's Moments.

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

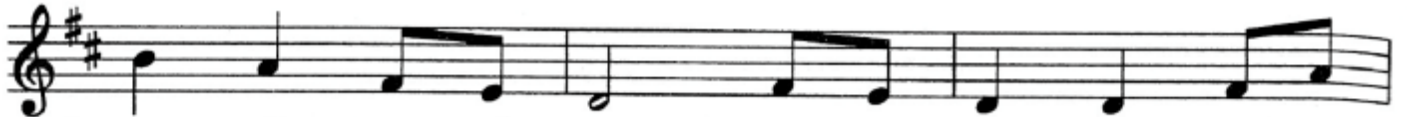
Sing A New Church

Acc #501 / CP3 #500

Verses



1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



1. our di - ver - si - ty, Gath-ered in the name of
4. art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
5. hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



1. Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
4. jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
5. wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in



splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new church in - to



be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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Tune: LINSTeAD L.M. with refrain

Jamaican folk song

Luke 10:1-9

Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

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 -

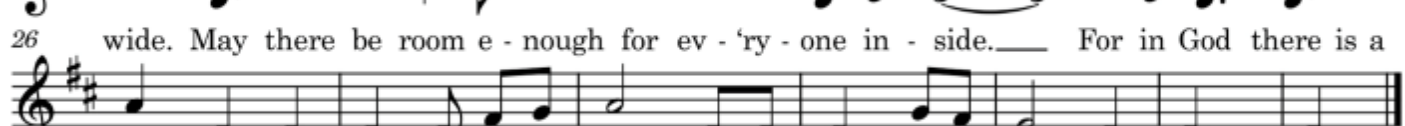
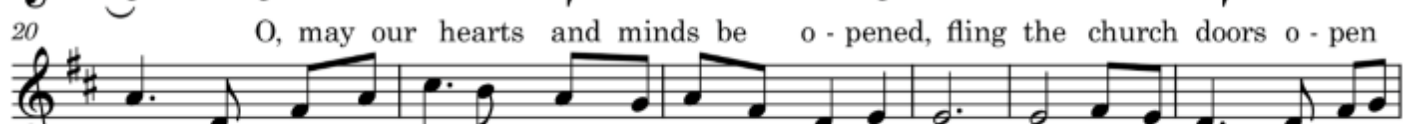


dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love, though the day may not yet
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be, that they nev - er have a
- afraid of who they are and whom they love. May the mess - age now be



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.

REFRAIN



wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

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Christmas is Right Around the Corner!

Union's annual Christmas Tree and Wreath fundraiser is an all-hands-on-deck church event that takes scores of people to pull off. First, 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. Get the best trees and wreaths early.

*There are sign up sheets for the first two events at Union Central.
The tree lot staffing sign-up is in a link in your This Week at Union email.*

—Christmas Tree and Wreath Committee

Memorial Sunday Ofrenda

On November 9, Union will celebrate Memorial Sunday in which we lift up in prayer the lives of members and friends who died in the last year, as well as all our deceased loved ones.

This year, we again invite all who worship with us to bring a picture or memento of any loved ones you would like to commemorate. We will create something similar to an Ofrenda, or Dia de los Muertos altar, to honor and celebrate their lives. You may place your items on the altar when you arrive, or during the offertory after the ushers have passed your pew.

Please remember to retrieve your items after worship. Those worshipping with us online are encouraged to place their items near their screen during the service.

Sojourner Circle News

Sojourner Circle will be going to El Sarape East for dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 6. Sojourner Circle is a group of women supporting each other's navigations through career decisions, raising children, personal growth, mid-life reflections, and more.

We meet (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) on the first and third Thursdays of the month; coming together for friendship, faith, inspiration, fun, and group volunteer opportunities. The first Thursday is often a gathering at a member's home; the third Thursday is generally an activity or restaurant meal. Activities have included lectures, game nights, a pottery painting class, book discussions, meal prepping for Cooks Who Care, and much more. Group support includes preparing meals for each other when needed, loving on each others' kids, celebrating milestones, and allowing space to be vulnerable with life's challenges in a supportive environment surrounded by likeminded women.

Contact Emily Lakatos at emilyclakatos@gmail.com for more info and to be added to the Facebook group. All those who identify as women are welcome.

Really Free Market is Saturday, November 22

Outreach Ministry is pleased to support a Really Free Market at the Union Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 22 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). This is a community-powered event offered in partnership with NEW CARE, a local group focused on mutual aid and practical ways we all help each other. The Really Free Market is a “rummage sale” where everything is free. No money, no barter, no trade—just neighbors helping neighbors. We encourage people to bring what they can and take what they need.

If you would like to donate items, we are looking for clean, usable items, in good repair (clothing, household items, books, toys, and more). Bring donations to the coatroom through November 16. Items not usable for the market will be donated to local organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul, De Pere Christian Outreach, etc. If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer, please contact Christie Reese (920-273-5349). We have volunteer opportunities—before, during, and after. Last, if you would like to make a donation to support the event, you may do that online through the Union website, through an envelope in the offering, or at the church office, designated for the Really Free Market.

Three Ways to Notify Us About Your Pledge

Just a reminder of the different ways you can pledge:

1. Fill out the pledge card that was mailed home or find an extra at one of the ushers' stations at the doors of the sanctuary and return it in the offering plate or to the church office.
2. Fill out an online pledge card at www.unionucc.com and click on the giving tab, then fill out the form at the bottom of the 2026 Pledge Campaign tab.
3. Email Finance@unionucc.com with your 2026 intentions.

Women's Advent Evening of Reflection **Theme: “Motherhood and Christmas”**

All who identify as female are invited to our Women's Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 1. At the event, church members decorate one table and provide dessert for those seated at the table. We have a time of song and reflection followed by dessert and companionship to ground us as we head into the holiday season. This year, if we are going to have a “little women's” room for toddlers and grade schoolers, we will need one or two volunteers to lead it.

If you would like to attend, host or cohost a table, or lead the “little women's room,” sign up at Union Central or email:

Denise Olson (myersolson22@gmail.com) or Cheryl Myers (myers.america@gmail.com).

Weekly Planner

November 6 — 11

Tuesday:

- 4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Groups
- 6:15 p.m. Prospective Member Gathering
- 6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

Thursday:

- 6:00 p.m. Sojourner Circle goes to El Serape East

Saturday:

- 9:00 a.m. Tent and tree lot assembly

NEXT SUNDAY: November 9

Memorial Sunday and Recognizing Our Veterans

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
- 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 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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Men's Breakfast Group

Wednesday, November 5

**7:00 a.m. at Denny's
2894 S. Oneida Street**

Our Church Staff

Senior Minister..... Bridget Flad Daniels
Administrative Assistant..... Eric Goska
Financial Secretary..... Katrina Catteruccia
Building & Maintenance Supervisor..... Brad Dorin
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Organist..... Franklin Beyer
Handbell Ensemble Director..... Linda Cook
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