

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



February 1, 2026

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.

Adult Education February 15: Know Your Rights

Given the state of the world, we will gather in Bagby Chapel on February 15 at 9 a.m. to continue our discussion of living our faith through civil rights advocacy. On this Sunday we will view and discuss several videos produced by the ACLU that will help us to know our rights and those of others.

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

“One Bread, One Body”

arr. Lloyd Larson

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.

***GATHERING PRAYER: (in unison)**

**When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,
we live as God asks us to live.**

**When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy,
we are the blessing God hopes we will be.**

When we are willing to follow Jesus, choosing relationship rather than power, we reflect the Divine in our midst.

May this worship strengthen us for this calling. Alleluia, and Amen.

*PRAAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word rather than do the hard work to keep it.

You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness;

you are strong enough to overcome our weakness;

you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others.

Thank you for giving us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***HYMN NO. 436:**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(see page 5)

CWM RHONDDA

The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Micah 6:1-8

p. 866

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:

“Room at the Table”

David Lantz III

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:1-12

p. 4

THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN:

“One Bread, One Body”

John Foley

(see page 6)

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

“Eat This Bread”

arr. Malcolm Kogut

*Praise Response:

“We Are Becoming Peace”

Linnea Good

*We are be - com - ing peace.
We are be - com - ing peace.
A well of pa - tience, well of grace,
Make our souls a ho - ly place.
We are be - com - ing peace.*

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: 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)

**It is here at this table where we celebrate our common life together that you take such
mundane gifts as bread and cup and use them for your sacred purposes.**

In your hands, the bread of life strengthens us

**to go forth to search diligently
for the broken, to offer them healing;
for the lost, to bring them home;
for the outcast, to become their family.**

In your heart, the cup becomes the bridge

**to reach across all that divides us;
to carry hope to those in despair;
to bring those who are apart back together.**

**God of all, thank you for using this bread, cup, and our very lives to achieve your purposes.
Amen!**

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

***HYMN:**

"We Are Called"
(see page 7)

David Haas

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Festival Postlude"

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Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Traci Briggs**,
and **Brittany Hendrix Malone** who offered our Children's Moments.

Today's bulletin prayers are adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, c. 1907

1 God of grace and God of glo-ry, on your peo-ple
 2 From the e-vils that sur-round us and as-sail the
 3 Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to

pour your power; crown your an-cient church-'s sto-ry;
 Sav-ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con-trol. Shame our reck-less, self-ish glad-ness,

bring its bud to glo-rious flower. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.
 for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.
 make our bro-ken spir-its whole, make our bro-ken spir-its whole.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, through-out the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: I Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4; Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939

Tune: John Foley, SJ, b.1939

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We Are Called

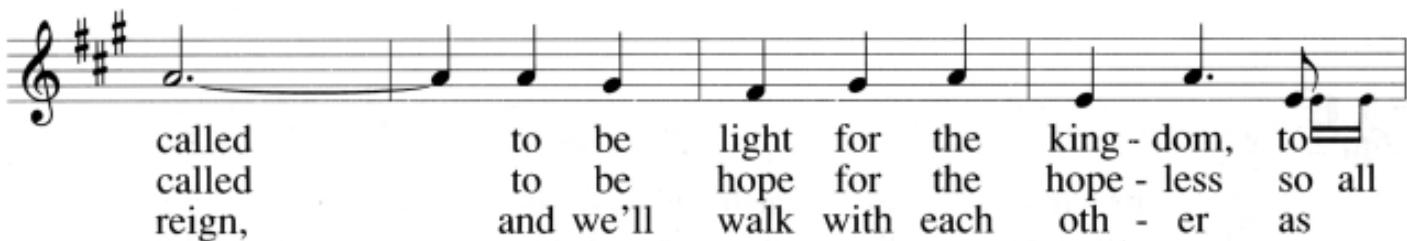
Verses



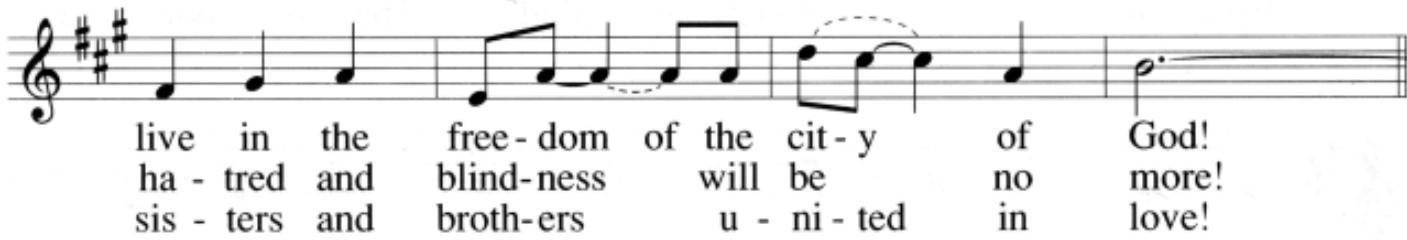
1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind-ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth-ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!



Upcoming Adult Education: The Psalms

February 8 and 22 and March 8 and 22

As ancient Israel's words to their God, the Book of Psalms encompasses the full range of human emotions, from joy and praise to despair and the thirst for vengeance. In this series, we'll put various psalms in their historical context, plus consider how they influenced New Testament authors and continue to be used in Christian worship today.

This psalms series will be a "bonus" offering—sessions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of February and March (in addition to our usual 1st and 3rd Sunday Adult Education schedule). Although they will run for four Sundays, **each session can stand alone**, so feel free to attend any of them, and there's no need to sign up ahead of time.

Bibles will be provided, but you are certainly invited to bring your own.

Leader: Julie Harder

Questions? Email Julie at jblackharder@gmail.com



Lenten Sunday Movies 2026

This year for Lent, we're once again going to the movies! Gather with your fellow Unionites as we screen and discuss the faith implications of one film every Sunday night of Lent. The discussions promise to be lively.

We'll ask two participants to sign up to bring a big pot of soup every week - sign up at Union Central or contact the church office. Plan on 5 p.m. until 7:30 or 8 p.m., depending on the length of the movie. Watch your church communications for titles and descriptions.

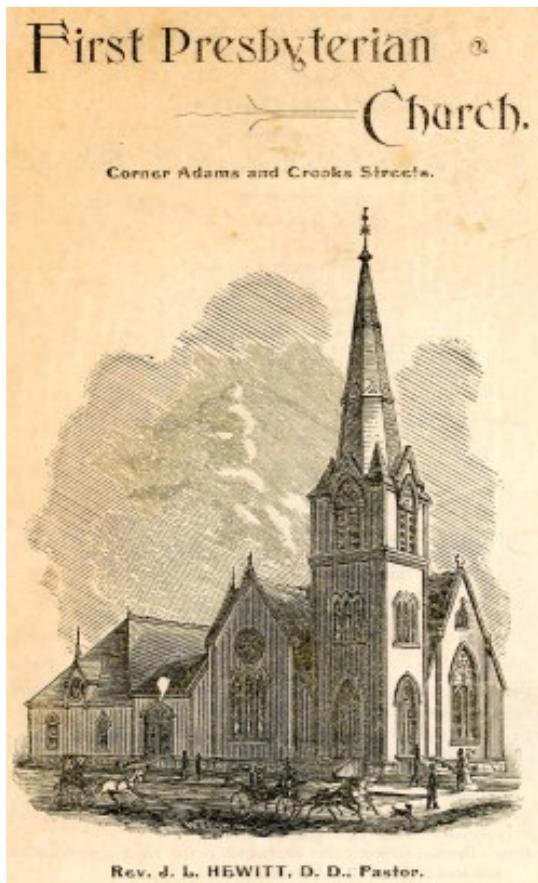


Lent is Almost Upon Us! Ash Wednesday is February 18

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. The service offers us the possibility to renew our dedication to the ways of Jesus. We will receive the ashes of repentance and the oil of healing. Join us!

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth - our high school youth group) invites everyone to a soup supper at 6 p.m. before our Ash Wednesday worship service. Your free-will donations will support our youth group's mission and outreach efforts as we plan to embark on a weekend of service and ministry. All are welcome!



Union's second church home, 1881-1929

Did You Know? Friday Eblasts Begin February 6

What's an anniversary without taking some time to look back?

Thanks to the intrepid duo of Mary Hemminger and Deb Rose, we will do just that. Beginning next Friday, the pair will begin to share their *Did You Know* history blurbs as part of Union Church's 190th anniversary. A total of 47 Union history topics – brief in format – will be offered weekly via our Friday email blasts and as part of the first-floor bulletin board near the elevator.

So, please, take a look. Embrace the past. Learn the stories of those who formed and nurtured this church. You might just come away amazed at the rich and unique history of *“the oldest reformed Protestant congregation in Wisconsin in continuous existence.”

*per the front-page story in the July 27, 2008 issue of *Still Speaking*.

Weekly Planner

February 2 — 7

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 Group
6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

NEXT SUNDAY: February 8 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
9:00 a.m. Adult Ed: Psalms Series
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
(or stream it online)
followed by Coffee Hour
in the church hall

NEW Pride Date Announced

NEW Pride will be Saturday, June 20, and we are in need of some volunteers to organize Union's booth at the festival. Contact Pastor Bridget if you're interested in helping out.

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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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Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets February 16

Join us at 11:30 a.m.
at the Village Grille in Allouez

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 Daniel Hatton

Student Music Interns:

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