

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 15, 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 a healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters.



Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 22 – March 15, 2026

Union Church will be collecting new, unused personal hygiene and cleaning products for 91.5FM The Family's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Items collected locally will be distributed to Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition member agencies. Your donations help these agencies dedicate their financial resources toward critical services such as housing, counseling, education, and food assistance.

Please check your This Week at Union email blast to learn what items are needed. You are invited to place your donations in the Hygiene Drive collection box, located in the church coatroom from February 22 through March 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Barbara McClure-Lukens at mcclureb@uwgb.edu.

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

Transfiguration

February 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

“Come Sunday”

Duke Ellington

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)

One: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend, as we are embraced in their kindness,

All: **we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

One: As we serve others in God's name, as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

All: **we choose to walk in God's way.**

One: As we forgive those who have hurt us, as we reach out to those we have harmed,

All: **we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

Come! Let us steep ourselves in God's ways as we offer our praise and thanksgiving.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (responsive)

Leader: With every choice we make, we draw either closer to or further from God's ways.

Yet, despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Let us present ourselves to our God, praying honestly about our lives.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: So very often, we make the wrong choices, God of our lives:
when we look at others, distorting who they really are;
when we let our anger feed us with bitterness and hurt;
when we toss about harmful words like snowballs on a winter's day;
when we would rather insult those around us, than lift them up.

Have mercy on us, God who is everywhere and in whose image we are all made.

May we choose to be reconciled to one another, honoring our relationships and you.

May we choose to work together, so all may be blessed by your love and peace.

Through Jesus Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*HYMN NO. 170:

"Your Ways Are Not Our Own"

(see page 4)

SCHUMANN

The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Sirach 15:15-20

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.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:

"In the Gloryland"

arr. Linda R. Lamb

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:21-26

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THE SERMON

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN:

"The Harvest of Justice"

David Haas

(see page 5)

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:

"All Night, All Day"

arr. John Carter

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

Use our gifts, Loving God, so others may be sheltered in the blanket of your grace; so they might find a home with us as their family. May the work of this church bring hope to those who live in despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 316:

"We Limit Not the Truth of God"

(see back page)

OLD 22ND

The New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

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

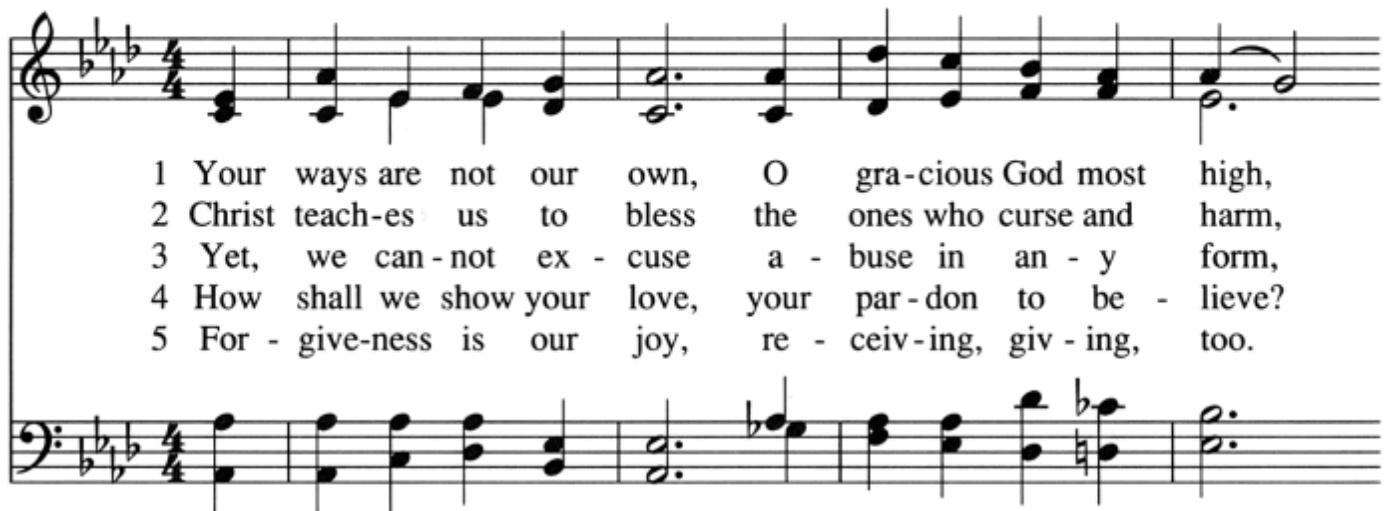
The rose on the altar today is in celebration of
the birth of **Evelyn Joan Alexander-Wolf**, born January 23.
She is welcomed by proud dads **Aaron** and **Ben** and big brother **Cashden**.

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

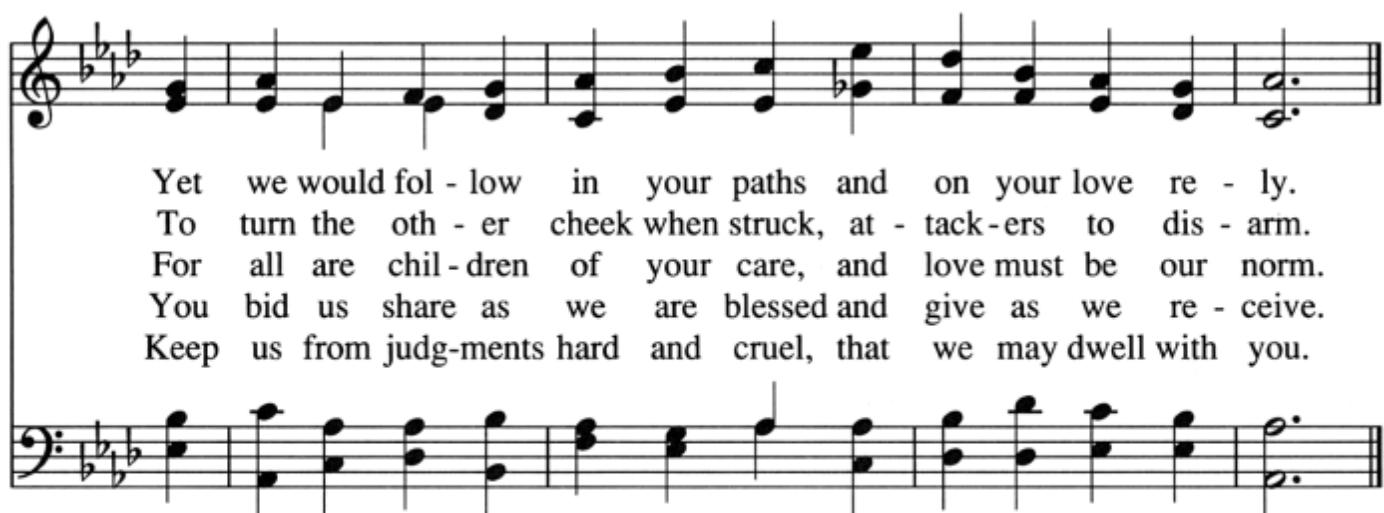
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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
3 Yet, we can-not ex - cuse a - buse in an - y form,
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be - lieve?
5 For - give-ness is our joy, re - ceiv-ing, giv - ing, too.



Yet we would fol - low in your paths and on your love re - ly.
To turn the oth - er cheek when struck, at - tack-ers to dis - arm.
For all are chil - dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re - ceive.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Tune: SCHUMANN S.M.
Cantica Laudis,
Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb, 1850

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The Harvest of Justice

Text: Philippians 1:11, Leviticus 19:9, 23:22,
Deuteronomy 24:19; David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957 © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

(Refrain) May we find richness in the harvest of justice
 1. Gather with patience for those who have nothing
 2. For to have mercy on those for - got -
 3. For to have little is to be in abundance

tice which Christ Jesus has ripened for
 ing. Leave them your riches, and you will re -
 ten, this is my true law, this is my com -
 dance. To give what remains, to give all we

us. Bread for the journey,
 ceive. Make room for the poor ones,
 mand: Clothe the naked,
 have, is to walk with the poor ones,

make bread for the hungry, all for the
 be way for the stranger; for I am the
 and be - home for the orphan, be hope for the
 come the stranger, one with the

glo - ry and praise of God. (to verse 1)
 Lord, the Lord your God. (to verse 2)
 wid - ow, and welcome the lost. (to verse 3)
 Lord, the Lord our God. (to refrain)

We Limit Not the Truth of God

George Rawson, 1853; alt.

Tune: OLD 22nd C.M.D.
Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1556

Alternate tunes: FOREST GREEN; ELLACOMBE

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1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
 2 Who dares to bind to one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven,
 3 E - ter - nal God, In - car - nate Word, Spir - it of flame and dove:

to no - tions of our day and place, crude, par - tial, and con - fined;
 for all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges given?
 en - large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com-pre - hend your love;

No, let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred:
 That u - ni-verse, how much un - known! that o-cean un - ex - plored!
 And help us all to seek your will with wis-er powers con - ferred:

O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.