

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



May 3, 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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 10 A.M.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

AND

CHURCH PICNIC

Bring a lawnchair or blanket and a dish to pass for our Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic in the courtyard. Membership Ministry will provide some grilled meat and non-meat mains and bottled water. We will only have a couple of small tents for shade, so bringing a hat or parasol might be a good idea! We'll need help for set up and clean up. Plan to arrive at 9 a.m. if you can.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Hal Leonard

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 are God's people, created in the divine image:

All: to show others God's love, to model mercy as freely as we have received it.

Leader: We are God's children, God's beloved, God's delight:

All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

Leader: We are a beacon of God's love, shining amidst the darkness:

All: bearing the Light of Christ, allowing the Divine to radiate out of us.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

Leader: God of Mercy and Compassion and Healing and Hope, you call us
to celebrate your peace in a world that worships war;
to be agents of freedom in the face of oppression;
to plant the seeds of faith with abandon.

Let us take a moment to call to mind the prayers for forgiveness and healing we would like to lay before the Lord.

(Silence is kept.)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Spirit of Righteousness & Truth—grant us the emotional bravery to engage in the hard work of healing and reconciliation. Grant us the courage to root ourselves deeply in the work of hope. When we must engage in conflict for the sake of authenticity and integrity, guide us in wisdom. When we must rest for the sake of our wellbeing, restore our bodies and spirits. Grant us the Spirit of Jesus as we seek to follow his ways. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: We are not alone - we are God's Beloved. Where hope had once seemed lost, God now assures us all is forgiven.

All: Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. We are forgiven, redeemed, made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

* HYMN:

"For Everyone Born"
(see page 5)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 2:2-7

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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 "pryground" 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:

"Come Before the Table"

Karen Marrolli

GOSPEL READING:

John 14:1-14

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THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 332:

"As We Gather at Your Table"
(see page 6)

BEACH SPRING
The New Century Hymnal

THE OFFERING

Offertory:
*Praise Response

"Near to the Heart of God"
"We Come With Gifts"

arr. Martha Mier
ELLACOMBE
text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

*Oh, grant that we may come to know each gift we have to give,
To cul-ti-vate them grate-ful-ly to help each o-ther live
and may the gifts that o-thers bring be wel-comed and em-braced
to make this fear-ful, ang-ry world a just and joy-ful place.*

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)

God of grace, we thank you for this meal that has nourished us with Christ's love and strengthens us for the work ahead. As we continue to savor the Easter Mysteries, deepen our listening, clarify our calling, and send us into the world to be your living Body—loving boldly, serving joyfully, and building your community of justice and peace. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN:

"Canticle of the Turning"
(see page 7)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Easter Chant"

Gordon Young

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Traci Briggs**.

Our Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman.

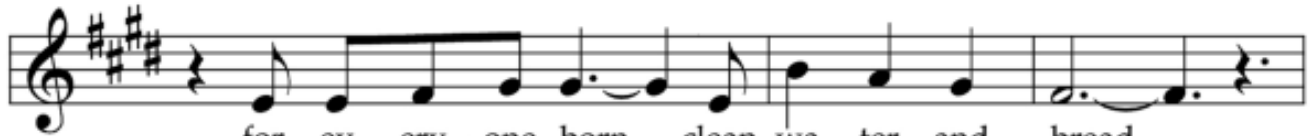
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For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN
11.10.11.10 with refrain



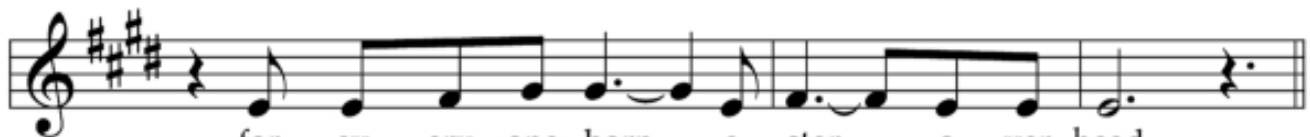
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



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!

As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you lived to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Canticle of the Turning

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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Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a



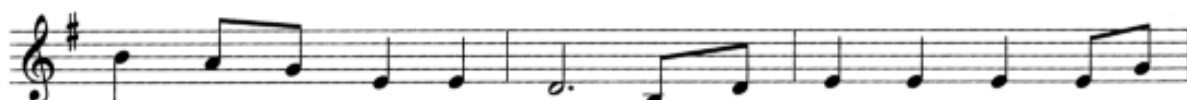
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.

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!

Strengthen the Church Offering is May 31

Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and church vitality.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Union Church will receive the STC offering on May 31.



Used Book Sale Today And Next Sunday

Killoran Scholarship Fund

Thanks to Bernie and Sally Killoran, a wonderful gift is available to the youth of the church. The Killoran Scholarship provides up to \$1,500 scholarships renewable for four years of undergraduate study.

If you are a high school senior or graduate and a member of Union Church, you are eligible to apply. Applicants must enroll in a full-time undergraduate program at Lakeland University or any four-year school in the University of Wisconsin system.

If interested in applying, contact the church office for an application. **Applications must be received by May 22.**

Questions? Contact scholarship committee chair, Sandy Polarek at smpolarek@aol.com.

Our Housing Offering is May 10

This congregation is generous and it recognizes that gifts are meant to be shared.

We will extend that generosity through our Housing Offering on May 10. This offering supports the work of the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH).

EPH brings together diverse congregations to partner in ways that provide people who are housing insecure with solid, decent housing, along with the opportunity to gain skills to thrive. Jubilee House, in Union's backyard, is part of EPH and it is Union's responsibility to maintain this property.

As we continue our Easter celebration of new life, let's continue Union's legacy of generosity through this special offering. This year's offering will be split, with 50% going to Jubilee House maintenance and 50% going to EPH.



Rummage Sale Time is Nearly Here

Have you scoured your personal items to possibly add to the rummage sale this year? **Our Intake Day is Saturday, May 9.** Volunteers will help you bring items from your car to the Mayflower door near the Blessing Box from 9 a.m. to noon that day. The more you bring the more we can feed hungry people in Green Bay.

We cannot accept any items after Monday, May 11. We don't encourage clothing or shoes. Cups, plates and mugs don't sell well either. **No mattresses.** Large pieces of furniture don't sell well. Items in good shape, easy to carry work well.

Sale day is Saturday, May 16 starting at 8 a.m. Come by and check what your fellow church members have donated. Thanks, and see you there!



Who's Graduating?

We would like to recognize our 2026 graduates in our June newsletter. Please let the church office know (920-437-9266 or office@unionucc.com) if you will be a 2026 graduate (high school, college) and what type of degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, etc.) you have earned. We would like to say congratulations and give others a chance to do the same!

Upcoming Adult Education

May 17 — Salt and Light - Know Your Rights

Given the state of the world, we will gather at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel to continue our discussion of living our faith through civil rights advocacy. 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. If we have time, we'll also start learning about de-escalation practices.

May 31 — Salt and Light - ICE in Rural Wisconsin

The Salt and Light team is honored to host JOSHUA board member Nancy Slattery at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel for a conversation about the state of immigration advocacy in rural northeast Wisconsin. With Wisconsin being a swing state and the large number of immigrants working in agribusiness, ICE activity in rural northeast Wisconsin is looking very different that it does in Minneapolis and Chicago. Come learn about the current state of affairs as we continue to discern Union's role in these times.

Weekly Planner

May 4 — 9

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
- 6:30 p.m. Gifts & Memorials Ministry (Zoom)

Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. New Members Class
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Intake Day

NEXT SUNDAY: May 10 **Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Mother's Day**

- 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

Used Book Sale 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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Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets May 18

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:

Zeke Fietsch-Huber, Caleb Hale,
Caitlyn Kolter, Ella Hamilton

Nursery Attendants:

Jenna Stevens, London Graham, Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon