

# 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

## Worship in the Courtyard



June 7, 2026

# 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.
- 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](mailto: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.



**Be Our Guest at *Make It Your Sundae!***  
***June 14 After Worship***

**Come one, come all - no sign-up required!**  
**Celebrate the completion of our three-year Capital Campaign!**

***Make It Your Sundae* Ingredients**

- Ice Cream:** Vanilla and Chocolate
- Sauces:** Fudge, Strawberry, Butterscotch
- Sprinkles:** Sugar, Walnuts, Mini Chips
- Whipped Cream**
- Cherries**



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

## Second Sunday after Pentecost PRIDE Sunday

June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(\*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: "O Worship the King" arr. John Carter  
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: Holy Mystery, Creator of galaxies and wildflowers, of rainbows and rivers,

**All: we gather in wonder before your endless creativity.**

One: You delight in diversity. No two fingerprints alike, no two stories the same.

**All: We bear witness to your imagination reflected in one another.**

One: In a world that demands conformity, you call us toward authenticity.

**All: In a culture that teaches fear, you invite us into love.**

One: Here, every body is sacred, every identity bears your image, every person belongs.

**All: We come to celebrate the beauty of who you have created us to be.**

One: Let us worship the God whose love is wider than every category, deeper than every wound, and brighter than every rainbow.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)**

**God of truth and grace, you call us to live openly and courageously, yet we confess that fear often shapes our lives. We fear rejection and so we hide. We fear change and so we cling to what is familiar. We fear difference and so we build walls where you would have us build tables. Too often we have mistaken our limited understanding for your eternal wisdom. Too often we have valued comfort over justice, certainty over curiosity, and exclusion over connection. Forgive us when we have failed to honor the sacred worth of others. Forgive us when we have denied our own belovedness. Forgive us when we have participated in systems that diminish the lives of your people. Free us from shame. Free us from prejudice. Free us from the illusion that any one of us can flourish while others remain oppressed. By your Spirit, make us a community of courage and compassion, where all people can live, love, and thrive. Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (in unison)**

**Friends, hear the good news: Before anyone told you who you should be, God called you beloved. Before anyone questioned your worth, God delighted in you. Before anyone drew lines of exclusion, God declared all creation good. Nothing can separate us from the love of God—not fear, not prejudice, not laws, not shame. In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are set free. In Christ, we are invited to become more fully ourselves and more fully one another's neighbors. 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:**

*"For All the Children"*  
(see page 6)

David Lohman

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 43:1-7

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

Children are invited to gather in front of the altar and bring their offering.

Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.

Additionally, parents are welcome 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

*“Lord of the Dance”*

Mark Hayes  
Zeke Fietsch-Huber, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GOOD NEWS**

HYMN:

*“Alchemy of Healing”*  
(see page 7)

COLUMCILLE

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

*“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”*

arr. John Carter

\*Praise Response:

*“We Belong to One Another”*

Amanda Udis-Kessler

***We give thanks for one a-no-ther, for each heart and hand and face.***

***We are grate-ful for the bless-ings that in-fuse our lives with grace.***

***May we of-fer our a-bun-dance. As we’re gi-ven, may we give.***

***In our thanks for one a-no-ther, may we help each o-ther live.***

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

THE INVITATION

One. 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.**

One. 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

One. The Lord be with you.

**All. And also with you.**

One. Lift up your hearts!

**All. We lift them up to the Lord.**

One. 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. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup in the center of the tray. 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.

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 (responsive)

One: Generous God, as we celebrate this sacred meal, we give thanks for the countless ways your image is reflected among us.

**All: We thank you for LGBTQ+ people whose courage, creativity, wisdom, and resilience have enriched our communities and expanded our understanding of love.**

One: We thank you for those who came before us—those who marched, protested, organized, and dreamed of a more just world.

**All: We thank you for moments of joy and celebration, for chosen families and faithful friendships, for communities that welcome and affirm.**

One: Most of all, we thank you for your persistent Spirit, who continues to move among us, unsettling old assumptions and creating new possibilities for justice, healing, and belonging.

**All: As we move to our next table and beyond, may our gratitude become action.**

One: May our welcome become witness. May our love become a reflection of your love for the world.

**All: In the spirit of Christ, who taught us that every person is our neighbor and every table can grow wider, we pray. Amen.**

## SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

\*HYMN:

*"Sing a New World into Being"*  
(see page 8)

NETTLETON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

arr. John Carter

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Brittany Hendrix Malone**, our cantor, **Zeke Fietsch-Huber**, and **Megan Gleason** who offered our Children's Moments.

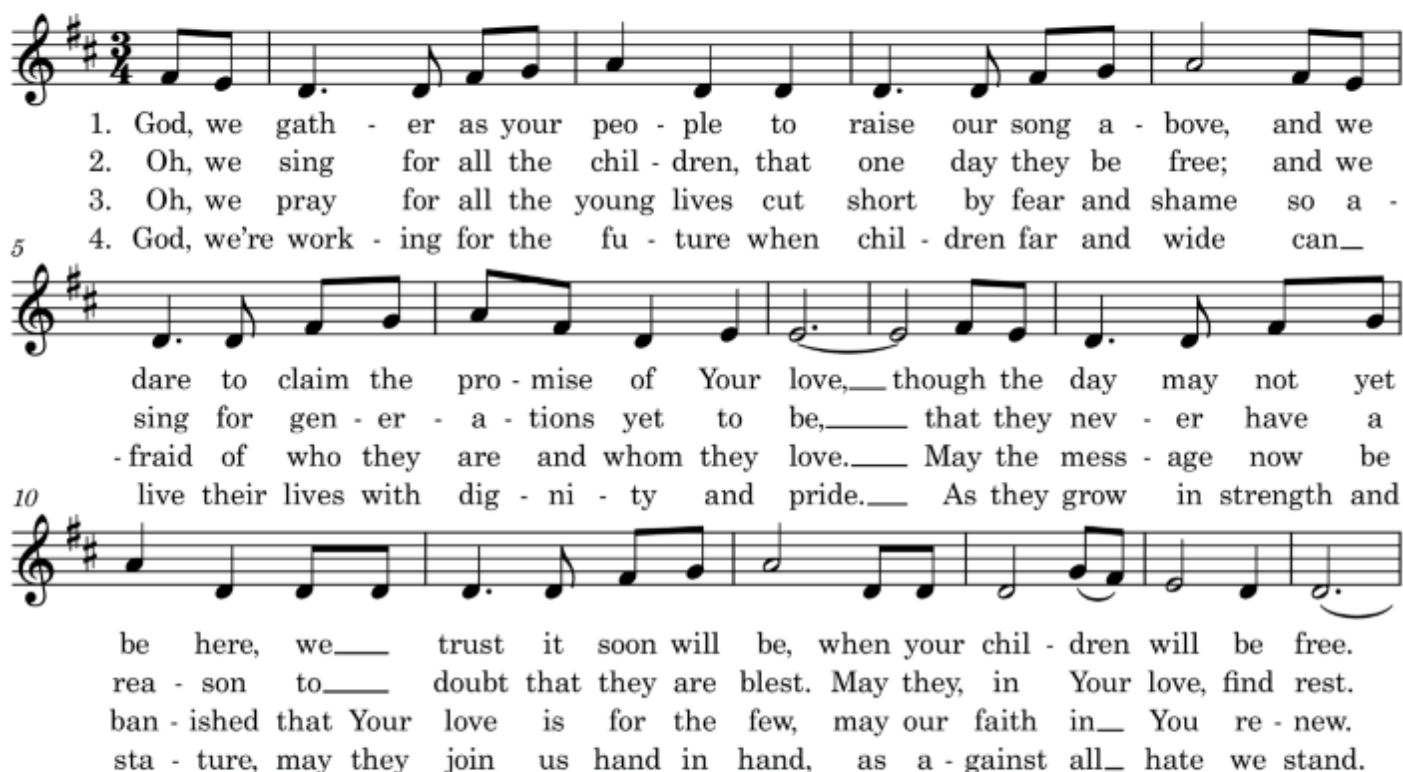
### **Green Bay PRIDE Volunteers Needed**

Can you spare 2 to 3 hours on Saturday, June 20, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to help out at Union's booth at Green Bay PRIDE? We're looking for people to staff our booth by telling folks who stop by why you love our church and that it really is Open and Affirming. We'll have pamphlets, candy, a photo display of some Union LGBTQIA families, and GLITTER BLESSINGS! Sign up for a shift through your Friday email blast or by contacting the church office.

**Note:** We could also use help setting up at 10 a.m.  
and hope the last shift could help pack up.

# 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 -  
5 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and wide can\_

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  
10 live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.\_\_\_ As they grow in strength and

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.  
sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all\_ hate we stand.

## REFRAIN



16  
20 O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen  
26 wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.\_\_\_ For in God there is a  
wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.\_\_\_\_

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# Alchemy of Healing

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COLUMCILLE

Irish Melody, arr. John Bell

1. The cour - age we bor - row, the cour - age we bring  
2. Bring grace and bring kind - ness to all that you sing,  
3. The dark - ness we ban - ish, the sha - dow we blame

shall bind us in strength to the heal - ing we sing.  
to heal and to hon - our each fierce ten - der thing.  
though hid - den, may help us to find our true name.

The cour - age to face an - y wound that we fear  
Each shame left un - spo - ken may yet shine a light,  
So bring all your cour - age that all be made whole,

shall bind us in beau - ty and bless ev - ery tear.  
a place that seemed bro - ken, that place can give life.  
trans - form - ing your stor - y in bo - dy and soul.

# Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

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NETTLETON

*Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second 1813*

1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.  
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race  
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.

Find a tune for si - lent year - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;  
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.  
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.  
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.

## **Allouez Antiques & Vintage Blessing Box Fundraiser**

Allouez Antiques & Vintage, 1510 S. Webster Avenue, has selected Union's Blessing Box to be the recipient for all money collected for the month of June from sales in their non-profit fundraiser booth. If you would like to donate antiques/vintage or collectible items for the sale, please contact Stacie Christian at 920-639-8421 or come pick out an item that you would like to buy so you can add to the donation! For more information, please visit the Allouez Antiques & Vintage Facebook page.

## **AV Team In Need of Volunteers**

Our AV team is in need of tech-minded folks looking to volunteer in a fun way. Duties include operating the video broadcast board during Sunday service that we livestream to Facebook and YouTube (easier than it sounds, and we've got great trainers!) or running sound. Rotation is generally one Sunday a month.

Contact Daniel Hatton at [dhatton@outlook.com](mailto:dhatton@outlook.com) or Pastor Bridget if interested. Thank you!

## **Scripture Readers Needed**

Every Sunday, someone steps up (literally) to read Scripture at church. We are fortunate to have many folks who read on Sundays, but it would be great to have some additional folks on the list.

Might you be one of them? You don't have to agree to a fixed schedule. Every once in a while I will contact you to find a date that works for you. Please contact Gail Hohenstein (920-619-3070 or [ghohen@aol.com](mailto:ghohen@aol.com)) if you are interested. Thanks!

## **Do You Have an Unused Cube Organizer/Shelving Unit?**

Do you have an unused cube organizer/shelving unit at home? Education Ministry is looking for one of these for the Union Church nursery for the toddlers and preschoolers to use as cubby space. If you have one that you'd be willing to part with, please let Beth Lyman Piontek, Education Ministry Chair know (920-217-3564 or [beth.e.lyman@gmail.com](mailto:beth.e.lyman@gmail.com)), as we'd love to have it! Thanks so much for your help!

## **Food With Friends Potluck**

**Saturday, July 11, at 12:30 p.m.**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 341 Wilson Avenue, Green Bay

Bring your favorite dish to share.

## Weekly Planner

June 8 — 13

### **Tuesday**

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry

### **Wednesday**

5:00 p.m. Membership Ministry

6:00 p.m. Common Ministry

### **Saturday**

12:00 p.m. Juneteenth at Joannes Park

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### **NEXT SUNDAY: June 14** **Third Sunday after Pentecost** **Capital Campaign Wrap-up**

**10:00 a.m.**

Worship in the sanctuary  
(or stream it online)  
followed by a “Make It Your Sundae”  
celebration in the church hall

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## **Last Chance: 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](mailto: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!

## **Union Congregational United Church of Christ**

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 June 15**

**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, Ella Hamilton

### Nursery Attendants:

Jenna Stevens, London Graham, Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon