

# 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



June 21, 2026

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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.

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# 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](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.

## St. James Playground After Church

Please join other Union Families after church at the playground across the street for fun and fellowship.



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

## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(\*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: Toccata on "Picardy" Gordon Young  
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: (responsive)

One: God calls us together in circles of nurture.

**All: We join with our companions from all the families of earth.**

One: We turn to you, God, with our thanks and tears.

**All: For all the families we've known throughout the years.**

One: Transform our hearts with your wisdom and grace.

**All: Then widen that wisdom and strengthen our hearts.**

One: Make clear to us where rebuilding can start.

**All: So we can share with all the peace you have made.**

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

**Lord, sometimes we are loving and just; yet we have also mistreated each other. We have excluded other viewpoints and races from our lives, from our families, and from our communities. Too often we are caught in the storms of conflict. You call us to follow you, yet we resist resting in your presence. When we are focused on the raging waters and burning flames, remind us you are with us through it all. May we be more like Jesus, who continually rested on your goodness. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)

One: Lord, when we are tempted to let hope die within us, you invite us close to you and each other.

**All: Lord, when we are discouraged, you remind us to not be afraid as you go before us always. We can follow you and you will give us rest and blessing. Thank you, Lord. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

\*HYMN NO. 427:

*"God Made from One Blood"*  
(see page 4)

ST. DENIO  
The New Century Hymnal

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 21:8-21

p. 17

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.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:29-39

p. 11

THE SERMON:

Shana Espinosa

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

HYMN:

*"Be Not Afraid"*  
(see pages 6-7)

Robert J. Dufford

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:

*"Elegy"*

Gordon Young

\*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.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**God of the sparrow, your eye watches over all of creation. We dedicate these offerings and our lives to the poor, to those who weep and mourn, because you promise us that you are with us through it all. You call each of us to greatness no matter who we are or where we've been. In the name of Jesus Christ, who continually loved and cared for the least of these, Amen.**

**SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD**

\*HYMN NO. 475:

*"God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

SPARROW

(see page 5)

The New Century Hymnal

\*THE BENEDICTION (in unison)

**God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael, you call each one of us to not be afraid. You hear all of our voices and hold us fast with your hand. You are with us. Let us join each other as companions, transformed by your love and wisdom, extending your justice and grace to all you have made.**

POSTLUDE:

*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

arr. Mark Hayes

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Julie Macier**,  
**Steve Jones** who offered our Children's Moments,  
and **Shana Espinosa** who led worship.

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# God Made from One Blood

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,  
2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust  
4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,  
for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,  
and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,  
to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage  
The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend  
Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,  
Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.  
of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.  
mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.  
of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

# 475 God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Tune: SPARROW Irr.  
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1905  
 Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

*Stanzas, in unison*



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,  
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,  
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



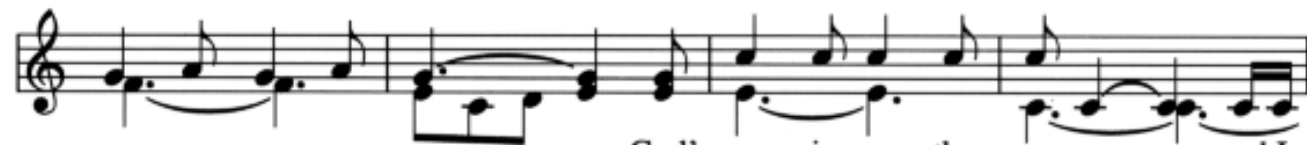
Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and  
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and  
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me



home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My  
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but  
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from



con-stant friend will be:  
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I  
 care I am set free:



know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I



know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm



hap-py, I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's  
 I'm hap-py, I'm free,



eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

*Refrain, in harmony*

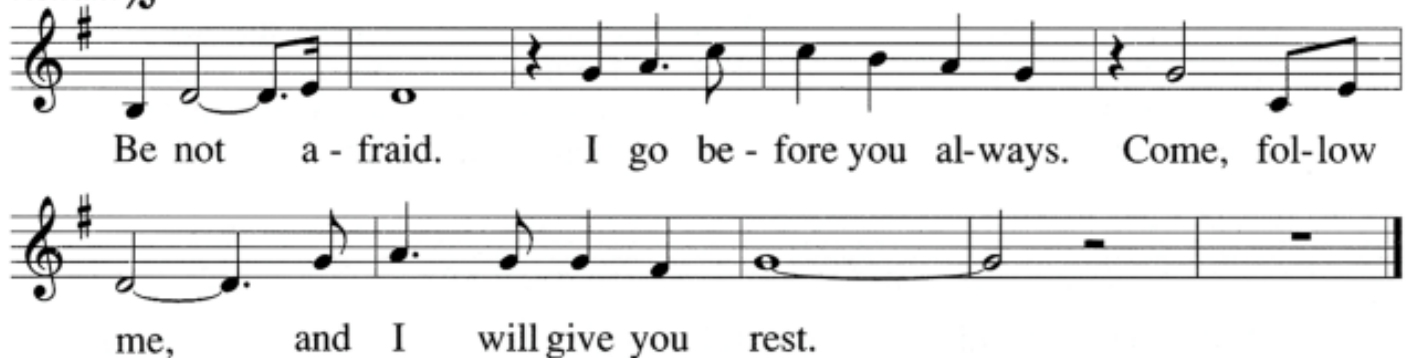
# Be Not Afraid

## Verse 1



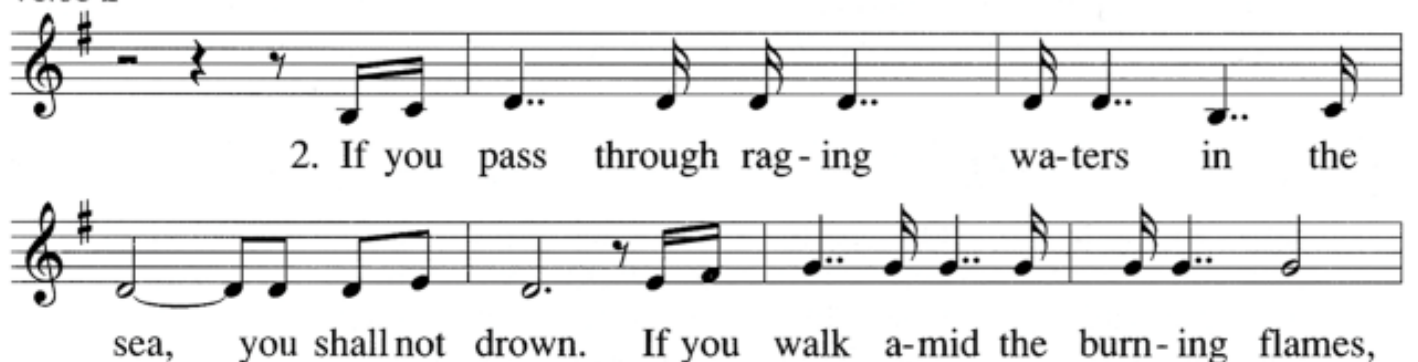
1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe - ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un - der - stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

## Refrain



Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

## Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag - ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,

you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the  
 pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am  
 with you through it all. **D.S.**

verse 3

3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs.  
 Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall  
 laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you  
 all be - cause of me, bless - ed,  
 bless - ed are you! **D.S.**

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943  
 Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992  
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## Education Ministry Invites You to a “Big Read”

Education Ministry is inviting the congregation into a “Big Read” of Robin DiAngelo’s “Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm.” The Big Read will launch on the weekend that Green Bay celebrates Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States, reminding us that freedom has always required courage, struggle, and persistence, and acknowledging that racism is woven into our national heritage.

We will then hold two discussion opportunities which will “sandwich” Independence Day. As we celebrate our nation’s highest ideals, we’ll also create space to reflect honestly on the distance between those ideals and our reality and on the role each of us can play in helping close that gap.

Here's how we'll do it:

Sunday, June 28

Discussion of Chapters 1–5

Sunday, July 12

Discussion of Chapters 6–10

Both discussions are at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel. Read as much as you’re able. Come whether you have questions, insights, disagreements, or simply curiosity. There will be room for all of it.

## Blessing Box Food Drive! July 5

**Thank you for supporting the Blessing Box!**

**Current needs include:**

- Bottled Water (*plastic pkg. single serve*)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Pouch Tuna
- Peanut Butter (16 oz.)
- Cereal
- Granola Bars
- Toilet Paper

Donations can be placed on the cart at the front of the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 5 or on the blue table inside the Mayflower entrance at any time.

**Monetary donations are also welcome!**

To make a monetary donation, send a check with "Blessing Box" on the memo line, or donate via the church website at [www.unionucc.com/giving](http://www.unionucc.com/giving).



# Mental Health First Aid



## Training Opportunities

- ✓ Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will be held on Friday, June 26, 8 am through 4:30 pm, at Union Church, 716 South Madison Street, Green Bay. Lunch will be provided along with all course materials and certification upon completion of the course at no cost to you. Please complete [this form](#) if you would like to take this course. *Led by Jen Sovey and Christie Reese*



- ✓ A Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA) training will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 8 am through 4:30 pm, at Union Church, 716 South Madison Street, Green Bay. Lunch will be provided along with all course materials and certification upon completion of the course at no cost to you. Please complete [this form](#) if you would like to take this course. *Led by Christie Reese and Erin Bongers*



- ✓ De Pere will be hosting Youth Mental Health First Aid training at St. Norbert college on 9/10/26 and Adult Mental Health First Aid training on 9/29/26. More info will be coming soon!

Learn more about Mental Health First Aid training here: <https://mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>



## Seeking Cooks for Wednesday Nights

Membership and Inreach Ministry is looking ahead to schedule cooks for our Youth Group and Adult Education activities on Wednesday nights. The meals can be customized to your liking. If you are a frozen pizza kind of cook, we need you. If you like to create meals from scratch, we need you. Cooks sign up for four to six Wednesdays throughout the school year. The only guidelines are:

1. Stay within the allotted budget.
2. Be able to estimate amount of food for approximately 25-30 people.
3. Can volunteer every week, once a month, or as often as you like.
4. Enjoy yourself while serving others.

Contact Pastor Bridget to learn more.

## Weekly Planner

June 22—27

### **Friday:**

8:00 a.m. Adult Mental Health  
First Aid Training at  
Union Church

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### **NEXT SUNDAY: June 28** **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Big Read Discussion in  
Bagby Chapel

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

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 Meets July 1

Join us at 7:00 a.m.  
at Denny's on Oneida Street

## 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.

Co-sponsored by the Immigration Advocacy  
Network and JOSHUA.

## 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