

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



July 5, 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, 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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE: Variations on "America" arr. Wesley & Johnson

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: Even before we found our way here, God was waiting with open arms.

All: We come to offer praise and thanksgiving to the One who never stops seeking us.

One: Whether we arrive full of joy or burdened with sorrow, God welcomes us.

All: Whether we come with gratitude or with questions, God welcomes us.

One: Whether our hearts feel generous or guarded, God welcomes us.

All: This is the table where mercy overflows.

One: This is the family where grace is our true north.

All: Let us worship the God whose mercy is wider than our imagination and whose love is always making us new.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

Leader: Holy and Merciful God, you invite us into lives shaped by compassion, yet so often we choose resentment instead. We confess how quickly we keep score, how easily we cling to old hurts, how readily we divide the world into those who deserve grace and those who do not. In silence, we offer to you the burdens we carry.

(Silence is kept.)

One: Let us pray:

**All: When we have closed our hearts to a neighbor, forgive us.
When we have forgotten that every person bears your image, restore us.
When grief has become so heavy that we can no longer imagine healing, carry us.
Teach us that gratitude is not denial. Mercy is not weakness. Forgiveness is not forgetting.
Open our hands to receive the gifts you place before us today, that our hearts may
become spacious enough for both truth and compassion, both justice and
reconciliation, both courage and love. Hear these prayers, O God, and continue your
work of shaping us in Christ's mercy. Amen.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

One: Friends, hear the good news: While we were still far off, God saw us. God ran toward us. God embraced us before we could finish our apology. This is the mercy of God: not earned, not purchased, not rationed, but freely given.

All: In Christ, resentment does not have the final word. Fear does not have the final word. Even our failures do not have the final word. Love has the final word. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

* HYMN (see page 5): *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* Tony Larsen

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145:4-14 p. 581

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"The Basin and the Towel"* Michael Card
Phil Klickman, vocalist

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:12-17 p. 201

THE SERMON: *"On Mercy"* Michael Vinson

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN (see page 6): *"For Everyone Born"* FOR EVERYONE BORN

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

"America the Beautiful"

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

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)

May this simple meal strengthen us for the work that awaits us: to seek justice without losing tenderness, to tell the truth without surrendering compassion, to receive forgiveness with humility, and to offer mercy with courage. Send us from this table nourished by Christ, filled with gratitude, and ready to become bread for a hungry world. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose table has room for all. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN (see page 7):

"Sing for Justice"

AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (see note below):

"O'er the Hills"

Francis Hopkinson

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Emily Mroczynski**, **Phil Klickman** for our special music, and our guest preacher, **Michael Vinson**.

Note: Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was also a harpsichordist and a compiler of tune-books for congregational singing. With little musical training until the age of 17, he proved to be a gifted amateur. This piece is from his collection 'Seven Songs' and is dedicated to one of his dearest friends, George Washington.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

words by Tony Larsen

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo-ry of a world that soon may be. I have
2. I have heard the pi-ous pla-ti-tudes, the words of love we've said And my

3
dreamed a dream of peace and free-dom for hu-man-i-ty. I have
broth-ers and my sis-ters yearn-ing for their dai-ly bread. May my

5
heard the poor and hun-gry as they strive to be set free, and Love goes march-ing on.
soul not rest with-in me for the world is not yet fed. Our Love goes march-ing on.

9
Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah!

13
Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! And Love goes march-ing on.

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN
11.10.11.10 with refrain



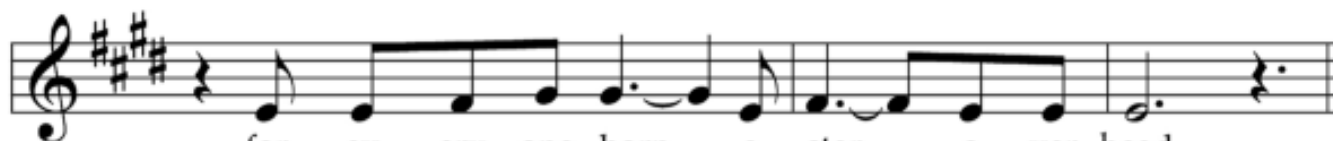
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



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



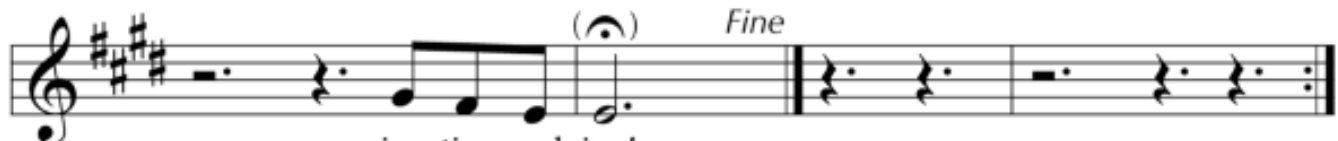
and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!


Words by Brennan Blue
Minneapolis, MN | 2017

Music: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*, trad. Welsh

Sing for Justice


Flowing (♩ = 104)

F B♭ Gm C B♭ C7 F



1. All who want peace, sing for jus - tice, gath - er in song!
2. If you want peace, sing for jus - tice, join in the call!
3. We who want peace, work for jus - tice, so shall we grow.

F B♭ Gm C B♭ C7 F



Here we join with friends and strang - ers, all may be - long.
Jus - tice is love's pub - lic sto - ry o - pen to all.
We will work to see the day when all may be whole.

B♭ Gm F/C C7



You who bring hope, fear, or sor - row, help us sing a new to - mor - row.
Har - mo - ny is born of diff - 'rence, notes and chords of lived ex - per - ience.
Nam - ing truths while bur - dens bear - ing, sing - ing, shar - ing, learn - ing, car - ing.

F B♭ Gm C B♭ C7 F



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Our “Big Read” Wraps Up Next Sunday

Our second and final discussion session of our “Big Read” of Robin DiAngelo’s “Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm” will take place next Sunday, July 12, at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel. We will focus on chapters 6-10.

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.

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.

Really Free Market TEEN EDITION

NEW CARE is back at it! The REALLY Really Free Market is returning, and this time it's all about teens. No catch, no cost, just community taking care of community!

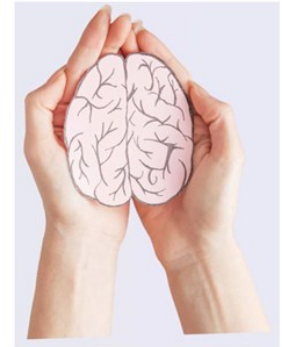
Saturday, August 1, 2026, from noon until 4 p.m. at Union Church
Everything at the market is 100% FREE

Donate — We're collecting donations EVERY Wednesday in July, 3:30–6:30 p.m. at Union. A planning meeting follows at 7 p.m. so come be part of making this happen!

Volunteer — Come to a planning meeting any Wednesday in July at 7 p.m., or sign up directly on the website. Shifts are open from set up all the way through take-down.

For more information, see your Friday This Week at Union Church email.

Mental Health First Aid



Training Opportunities

- ✓ A Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) 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

NEXT SUNDAY: July 12 **7th 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



100 Years Ago This Summer **"Parr for the Course"**

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Mon, Jul 19, 1926 -Page 8

Rev. L. A. Parr to Take N. U. Summer Course

The Rev. Leonard A. Parr, pastor of the Union Congregational church, and family left Saturday for Chicago where they will spend several weeks. Mr. Parr will take a summer course at the Northwestern University. The services at the church will be suspended during the absence of the pastor.

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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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church office: 920-437-9266
website: www.unionucc.com

Ladies Lunch Bunch **Meets July 20**

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