

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



October 11, 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 one, 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.

Heifer Sunday Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make Heifer Sunday a resounding success! It truly takes many hands to bring an event like this together—from setting up and hosting tables to running the checkout tent and handling cleanup. Your dedication made all the difference.

Most of all, thank you for welcoming our **special animal friends (and their human guardians)**. They brought so much joy to the day and reminded us exactly why this mission matters so much.

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there is still time to help us reach our annual goal to **fill an ark!**

- **By Check:** Mail your check to the church with "Heifer" in the memo line.
- **Online:** Visit Union UCC Giving and select Heifer.

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

20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

"Fantasia"

John Lee

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: Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

All: In you, O God, we hope; in you, Creator of Love, we live.

One: Here in this sacred space, in these very moments, we are invited to God's celebration of joy.

All: In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice; in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.

One: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God.

All: In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, Teacher of Hope, we learn to serve.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

One: Called to have the same mind as Christ, we often spend too much time thinking about all those ways which then lead us astray. But, if we confess our sins, God will forgive us, and strengthen us to be Christ's sisters and brothers. Join me as we pray together, saying.

All: You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others.

Forgive us, God of all hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)**

One: As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honorably, love completely. This is indeed good news for us.

**All: Just as God leads us to green pastures and still waters, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***HYMN NO. 252:**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
(see page 5)

BRADBURY
The New Century Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

"With Every Breath"

rendition of Psalm 23

Love, you shepherd me;
generously, you place my life in my hands.
You rest me in the meadow of your presence,
I drink from the gentle brook of your peace.
You are my next breath, and the next.
You are my path, my steps.
The way to life leads through death;
you go there, and I willingly follow you,
your presence beside me,
your wisdom before me.
Despite my fears and doubts this life is a feast.
You embrace me with such love,
feed me with such delight.
Your goodness and mercy shadow me;
and with every breath
I am returned again and again to you

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 Time for Turning"

Craig Crowley

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 32:1-14

p. 79

THE SERMON: "Taking the Bull by the Horns - The Golden Calf Then and Now" Lou Ann Norsetter

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 488:

"Be Still My Soul"
(see page 6)

FINLANDIA
The New Century Hymnal

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:

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Joel Raney

*Praise Response:

"Imela"

traditional Nigerian

I - me - la, i - me - la, i - me - la, O - ka - ka.

I - me - la, Chi - ne - ke. I - me - la On - y'o - ma.

Translation

Thank you, great God.
Thank you because you are good.

Pronunciation Guide:

ee-meh-lah Oh-kah-kah
ee-meh-lah Chee-neh-keh
ee-meh-lah Ohn-yoh-mah

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

May not only our gifts, but our lives, be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken, as well as food and nourishment to all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN:

"Eternal God Transcending Time"
(see page 7)

RESIGNATION

*THE BENEDICTION (responsive)

One: Now let us leave this place, to live and serve those not here,

All: to share the hope of God, to live in love with all creation.

One: Now let us leave this place to offer the gifts of life and grace with all,

All: to bring joy to those who mourn, to offer the heart of Christ to everyone.

One: Now let us leave this place to fill our neighborhoods with peace,

All: to walk the Spirit's path with strangers, to serve all as if they were family.

POSTLUDE:

"Wayfaring Stranger"

traditional spiritual

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

Today's written prayers are adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman.

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Adult Faith Formation Continues

Sunday Mornings at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel

October 18 — Immigration Misinformation

Join members of the Salt & Light Immigration Advocacy Team as we continue the discussion we began last month centered around immigration misinformation concerning crime, economic stress, and more. You will walk away with facts and data that can help shed light on common misconceptions.

November 15 — Origins of the Lord's Prayer

Every Sunday, we at Union recite the Lord's Prayer. Where does this prayer come from? The simple answer is "Jesus." A more complicated answer takes into account the fact that our Scriptures provide two versions—one in Matthew 6 and another in Luke 11. This begs the question, "Which version was taught by the Historical Jesus?" You may be surprised to learn the answer is "neither," because both Matthew and Luke based their versions on a third and even earlier one, written in a document called "Q." Julie Harder will explain how scholars unearthed the Q version, and what it meant to Jesus's original hearers. We'll ask, how does this ancient prayer speak to us today?

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)
From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1859

John 10:1–29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, yours we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient -
 2 Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take to guide in
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to
 fu - ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con - fi -
 be with God whom we a - dore, with dis - ap - point - ment

or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God
 dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 gone, no grief nor fear, sor - row re - placed with

faith-ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best e - ter - nal
 shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 joy for - ev - er - more. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know how Je - sus' pow - er ruled them long a - go.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Eternal God Transcending Time

RESIGNATION CMD

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

MUSIC: USA folk melody, Walker's Southern Harmony

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1. E - ter - nal God tran - scend - ing time, yet
2. In - car - nate God re - vealed in time, true
3. Life - breath - ing God en - liv - ening time, a -

3



mind - ful of the fears, the hopes, the ques - tions
Word in flesh re - told, who marked the years from
wak - ing heart and tongue, in - spir - ing proph - ets,

6



raised for us by ev - er - chang - ing years: so
birth to death, then rose to break death's hold: by
bring - ing hope, con - sol - ing old and young: draw

9



guide us through our pil - grim days that
your be - com - ing one with us, help
us to those de - nied your gifts by

11



we may find a home where jus - tice, truth, and
us to know and claim the u - ni - ty of
bi - as, want, or strife, con - vert our wills and

14



mer - cy meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom.
all bap - tized in your re - deem - ing name.
form through us new chan - nels of your life.



Grace & Gratitude Gathering

A casual evening of music, food, fun and fellowship to benefit EPH!



Thursday, November 5th
5pm-8pm • **FREE** entry

Stadium View – Traditions Event Hall
1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay



Emceed by
Jyll Everman from
Fox 11 Living



LIVE Musical Entertainment
by **Jim Campbell**

SOUP & BAKE SALE • CASH BAR
BASKET RAFFLES • 50/50 RAFFLE



Ecumenical Partnership for Housing

Putting faith into action for families experiencing homelessness for over 30 years.

Interested in Learning More About Union Church?

Interested in learning more about Union Church and discerning whether this is the right church home for you? Our Membership Ministry will be hosting two Prospective Member Gatherings to help people get to know Union, our community, and each other on **Wed., October 21 (5:30 to 7:30 p.m. —includes dinner)** and on **Mon., November 9 (6 to 7:30 p.m.)**. It's helpful to participate in both sessions.

After those sessions, folks who would like to join the church will be received into membership during worship on Sunday, November 22.

Please contact the church office at office@unionucc.com or 920-437-9266, to register.

Memorial Sunday Ofrenda

On October 25, Union will celebrate Memorial Sunday in which we lift up in prayer the lives of our members and friends who have died in the last year, as well as all our loved ones who are deceased.

This year, we again invite all who worship with us to bring a picture or memento of any loved ones you would like to commemorate. We will create something similar to an Ofrenda, or Dia de los Muertos altar, to honor and celebrate their lives. You may place your items on the altar when you arrive, or during the offertory after the ushers have passed your pew.

Please remember to retrieve your items after worship. Those worshipping with us online are encouraged to place their items near their screen during the service.

Come and Explore Union!

Celebrate the church's 190th anniversary and learn all about our building.

Ed Tucker will lead a tour of Union Church after service on Sunday, November 8. If you've ever wondered about the symbols on the stained glass windows or been curious to find "secret" passages, this is your moment to explore and learn.

The tour will begin shortly after service and start from the church hall upstairs. Grab a cup of coffee, a cookie, some conversation, and enjoy learning all about our lovely building.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Time!

Last year we were a bit short on wreath decorations. This year we are asking you to look through your Christmas items to see what you might be able to donate. If you have purchased wreaths before perhaps you saved the ornaments. If you think your donated item might make an interesting wreath decoration, please put it in the black and yellow storage container in the coat room. We would like to organize these items the week of November 9, so please bring them before then. Thanks!

Finally, here are some dates to put on your calendar. Thanks for any help you can provide.

Saturday, November 7 at 9 a.m.

Tent and tree stand setup, weather dependent, need 8 volunteers.

Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m.

Wreath decorating in Fellowship Hall, need 25 volunteers.

Friday, November 20 at 2 p.m.

Lot opens. Need lots of volunteers to staff the lot Friday evenings, Saturday most of the day and Sunday after church for the remaining weekends in November and the first three weekends in December.



Cooks Who Care

Meals Available

Do you know someone in need of a kind gesture or a helping hand? Cooks Who Care has prepared lasagnas for anyone who could use one.

Please help us share the love—take one for yourself or someone else in need.





The smaller ones feed 1-3
and the larger ones feed 4-6.



They are located on the top shelf of the church kitchen freezer.



Donations for ingredients are always appreciated and can be made in the church office.

Weekly Planner

October 5 — 10

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. Kitchen Reorganization Team
4:00 p.m. Education Ministry
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday:

6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

NEXT SUNDAY: October 18 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
9:00 a.m. Adult Education: Session 2 of
Immigration Misinformation
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
(or stream it online)
followed by Coffee Hour
in the Church Hall

Faith That Shows Up: 2027 Pledge Campaign

Please return your 2027 pledge card to the church office by mail or in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 8**, when we will dedicate our pledges in worship. You may also pledge online at www.unionucc.com by clicking on the giving tab and then 2027 Pledge Campaign. Or, if easier, you can simply email finance@unionucc.com with your 2027 intentions.

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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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website: www.unionucc.com

Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets October 19

**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