

# 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 25, 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 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.

## Blessing Box Food Drive Sunday, November 1st

**Time to prepare the Blessing Box for winter. The items listed below are especially helpful. Thanks!**

- Granola Bars
- Pouch Tuna
- Toilet Paper
- Instant Oatmeal or Cocoa Packets
- Instant Potatoes or Rice Mixes
- Microwave Chili or Pasta Meals

Please place donations on the cart at the front of the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 1st** or on the blue table inside the Mayflower entrance at any time.

To make a monetary donation, please 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).



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

## **22nd Sunday after Pentecost Memorial Sunday**

October 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(\*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:                                      *“Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten”*                                      arr. Georg Neumark  
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: We gather in the company of the faithful: those who knew the way and those still finding their path.

**All: We gather in gratitude for all who have shaped our lives with love.**

One: We remember those who have died, those whose compassion came easily, and those who struggled, as we all do, to live the ways of love.

**All: We give thanks for the lives that touched ours, the wisdom they shared, and the love that remains.**

One: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: Let us worship God, honoring those who have gone before us and continuing the work of love.**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)**

One: God of steadfast love, you surround us with saints in every moment, if only we open our eyes to see. When fear overwhelms us, a neighbor offers grace. When hope grows dim, someone reaches out in kindness. When injustice weighs heavily upon us, ordinary people find the courage to stand for what is right. Yet we confess that we do not always recognize these gifts. We sometimes look to power instead of compassion, anger instead of peace, and self-interest instead of love. We forget that loving you means loving our neighbors, and that love asks something of us. Let us take a moment of silence to call to mind all we would lay at the feet of the Lord.

(Silence is kept.)

One: Let us pray.

**All: Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to the saints among us, strengthen us to follow their example, and help us live the love Jesus teaches. May your grace restore us, your mercy transform us, and your hope lead us forward. Amen.**

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

One: We remember those who have gone before us, may we be reassured that, in every generation, God meets us in our failings, forgives us, and calls us again to love.

**All: By God's grace, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**\* HYMN NO. 476:**

*"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"*

(see page 5)

ENDLESS SONG

The New Century Hymnal

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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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 "playground" in the south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery.

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

Matthew 22:34-46

p. 25

**THE SERMON:**

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

## A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND RESURRECTION HOPE

### CHORAL ANTHEM:

*"The Wings of a Dove"*

Gwyneth Walker

Lyrics to this anthem can be found on the back of our We Remember insert.

### CALL TO REMEMBRANCE --from Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

One: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: **The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

As each person's name and date of death are read, a bell will be tolled  
and a candle will be lit in their memory as a sign that they live on in Christ.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Gracious God, we give You thanks for Your children who have touched our lives and left us  
forever changed. For their trust that has strengthened our believing, for their courage that  
has inspired our discipleship, and for their love that has expanded our hearts; we praise You.**

**Now they rejoice in Your Kingdom. As their faith has become sight, fill our eyes with a vision  
of Your justice and peace. As they rejoice in the fullness of Your love, let us renew our com-  
mitment to the works of Your mercy. And, as they now rest in peace, let us work for that day  
when every aspect of creation is reconciled to you. Amen.**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### HYMN NO. 438:

*"When Peace, Like a River"*

(see page 6)

VILLA DU HAVRE

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.**

# We Remember

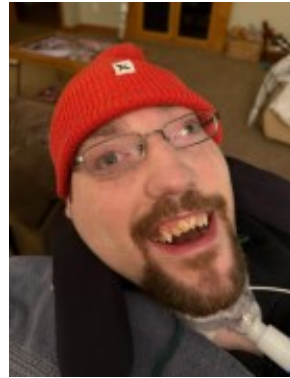
Today we remember and give thanks for those who entered life triumphant in the past year:



**Susan Murphy**

August 20, 1946

January 24, 2026



**Noah  
Filppula-McArthur**

March 28, 1996

March 2, 2026



**Caroll Jones**

August 9, 1934

January 30, 2026



**Bev Lathrop**

September 2, 1947

March 31, 2026



**Randy Mott**

June 17, 1967

February 11, 2026



**Pamela Cokins**

October 17, 1941

July 6, 2026



**Suzanne Zanzig**

July 28, 1941

February 27, 2026



**Wendy Christian**

September 4, 1935

September 22, 2026

# The Wings of a Dove

Had I the wings of a turtle dove,  
how I would fly! I'd fly away  
to realms of joy and light and love,  
in shining portals of the day.

## *Refrain*

*Give me the wings of a turtle dove,  
and I would fly on up to my aerie nest.  
I'd find the peace of Heaven above,  
with loving friends I'd take my rest.  
In the arms of friends I'd take my rest.*

Though through the weary world I tread,  
at morn the Spirit is my friend.  
At noon and e'er at last I take my bed,  
my prayer shall still to Thee ascend.

## *Refrain*

And on my path I move along  
through life's short brilliant, fleeting day.  
I carry in my heart a song  
until the final sunset ray.

## *Refrain*

—Caroline L. Goodenough (1856-1946),  
alt. G. Walker

## THE OFFERING

Offertory:

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

arr. Malcolm Kogut

\*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)

God of this life and all that is to come, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to your work of love. May what we give bring hope where there is despair, belonging where there is loneliness, and justice where there is injustice. May the love we have received become love we offer, and may all that was good in the lives we remember inspire the lives we lead. With Jesus, our brother and teacher, may we commit ourselves anew to loving you and loving our neighbors. Amen.

## SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

\*HYMN NO. 472:

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

(see page 7)

PRECIOUS LORD

The New Century Hymnal

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*"The Wind Beneath My Wings"*

arr. Raney/McDonald

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# 476 My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing)

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D. *Attrib. to Robert Lowry*

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

# 438 When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2  
Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain  
Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when  
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have  
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I  
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

*Refrain*  
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! It is  
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul.

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

472

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain  
Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
when my life is al - most gone,  
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.



## For Those Who Served

On Sunday, November 8, we will recognize and honor those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Our list of veterans includes:

Joe Bethel, Steve Davis, Phil Enscoe, Bob Fahres, Don Fenlon, Cathy Ghoca, Daniel Ghoca, Bob Haglund, Bill Johnson, Larry Kabat, John Krueger, Ted Ludolph, Rolf Lulloff, Tom Martin, Bob Rose, Bruce Shafer, Julie Tetzlaff, Ray Thompson, Ed Tucker, and Glen Verstegen.

If you are a veteran and not on this list, please contact the church office (437-9266) with your information including branch of service, rank and years of service. Please plan to be with us in worship as we give thanks for those who have served our country.

**Community Book Club**

Wednesday, November 18  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Brown County Central Library  
515 Pine St, Green Bay WI

Join us for a book discussion exploring the challenges facing people experiencing housing instability in Green Bay and how we can work together towards practical solutions. All are welcome, space is limited. RSVP by scanning the QR Code!

**THERE IS NO PLACE FOR US**  
WORKING AND HOMELESS IN AMERICA  
BRIAN GOLDSTONE

## Read. Learn. Discuss. Act.

Join us for a community discussion of *There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by Brian Goldstone. This powerful book highlights the experiences of individuals and families navigating homelessness and housing insecurity in today's housing market. Through personal stories and broader systemic realities, it challenges readers to see housing instability through a new lens.

📍 **Join us** at the Brown County Central Library (515 Pine Street) on Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. to participate in a discussion of the book's

themes and other relevant conversation. Our hope is to bring together people from across the community to develop a shared understanding of the barriers faced by our unhoused neighbors. By learning together, we can foster stronger partnerships, identify gaps and opportunities, and move toward practical solutions that help more people access and maintain stable housing.

Everyone is welcome. The more perspectives at the table, the stronger our collective ability to create positive change.

## **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. 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 Help Needed**

Wreath sales start next month and volunteers are needed to set up the lot, decorate wreaths and sell on the weekends. There is a sign-up at Union Central. Also, ornaments are needed to be used for decorating the wreaths. Those can be left in the box in the coat room. Thanks for your help!

**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 volunteers to staff the lot Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday after church for the remaining weekends in November and the first three weekends in December.

## **Adult Faith Formation Continues**

Sunday Morning at 9 a.m. in Bagby Chapel

**November 15 — Origins of the Lord's Prayer**

Join Julie Harder to learn the origins of this ancient prayer and how it speaks to us today.

## **Neighbors in Need Offering**

The United Church of Christ offers grants to organizations nationwide engaged in justice work. Our church will support this effort with a special offering on Sunday, November 15. Any gift, no matter the amount, shows we share a hope for a world free of poverty and prejudice.

## **Grace & Gratitude Gathering, Thursday, November 5**

Join us for a casual evening of music, food, fun and fellowship to benefit EPH! This free event begins at 5:00 p.m. at Stadium View, 1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay.

## Weekly Planner

October 26 — 31

### **Tuesday:**

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Wednesday:**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
6:15 p.m. Seminary Secrets

### **Saturday:**

4:00 p.m. Trick or Treat (until 7 p.m.)

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### **NEXT SUNDAY: November 1** **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy  
Communion in the sanctuary  
(or stream it online)  
followed by Coffee Hour  
  
Blessing Box Food Drive

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### **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 **Sun., Nov. 8**, when we will dedicate our pledges in worship. You may also pledge online at [www.unionucc.com](http://www.unionucc.com) by clicking on the giving tab and then 2027 Pledge Campaign. Or, you can email [finance@unionucc.com](mailto:finance@unionucc.com) with your intentions. Even if you intend for your pledge to remain the same as in 2026, it is helpful for you to let us know, as we don't assume.

## 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 November 4**

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

## 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