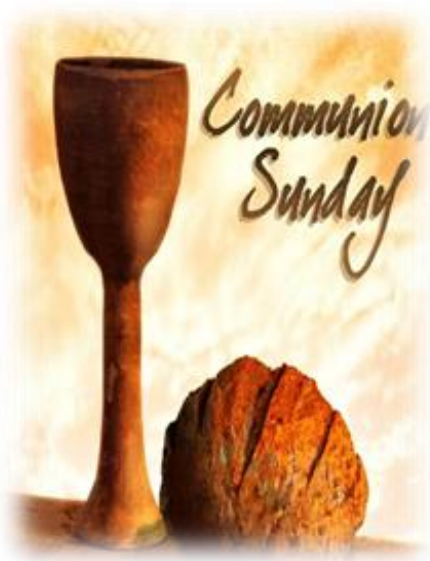


THE VISION



BEAUTIFUL



**UNION CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*We welcome all people to experience God's love,
grow spiritually and engage in meaningful service.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 1, 2026**

**Please stand as you are able.
This service is livestreaming. Thank you. ❤️*

ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

*When you hear the music, please gather. Be seated and prepare for worship.
Lighting the Candle, we remember God's presence with us.*

PRELUDE

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Words of Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

Refrain:

We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, he's never failed me yet. Oh... can't turn around, we've come this far by faith. (Repeat)

Greeting One Another

***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.***

**Chorus:*

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love, we have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God, we are one in the bond of love.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Friends, come!

All: Gather around deep insight.

One: Feed on words of unusual wisdom,

**All: seeing before us an unfolding vision of a renewed and just world
as close and real as our breathing.**

One: Come! Jesus,

All: our teacher, healer, leader, and friend,

One: invites our good and attentive company.

All: Our time together will be blessed.

INVOCATION

Christ is with us!

Christ is in our midst!

**Open to your Spirit and alive to the Christ, who was, who is, and who comes, we
gather in thanksgiving, O God. We offer you our adoration, our acclaim, and our
very lives as we sing. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the
power and the glory forever. Amen.***

PRAYER RESPONSE "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

**There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place. You
can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air. There's a spirit of love
in this place.**

Refrain: **O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.**

O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

**There's a presence of peace in this room, there's the presence of peace in
this room. In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There's the presence of peace in this room. Refrain**

OFFERTORY "Name of the Lord"

***DOXOLOGY** (*Deacons Vanessa & Isaac to bring offerings forward.*)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT**

(All children and youth are welcome to attend the Sunday School Class.)

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM 15

O God, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly,

and do what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart,

and do not slander with their tongue,

who do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath

even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things
shall never be moved.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Revelation 19:1”

Arr. Maverick City Music

SERMON

“The Vision Beautiful”

Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

The gifts of creation are on the table.

The dreams of God are set before us.

Let us give thanks for God’s gifts.

At all times, great God, may our grateful hearts give you praise.

Pastor: We remember Jesus – born of Mary, Joseph and God – who was born in Bethlehem and who grew up in Nazareth.

All: We remember that he was a son and a brother, a worker and a friend.



Pastor: We remember Jesus gathered disciples and taught them about a way of peace and justice, of love and blessing.

All: He called it the Kingdom of God.

Pastor: We remember Jesus gathered his friends in an upper room and asked them to love one another as he had loved them. We remember that Jesus said, "Every time you take the bread and break it and every time you bless the cup and drink from it, you are to remember me."

All: Every time we eat and drink in Jesus' name, He is present with us and we are indeed one body! As many as we are, we are one in Christ.

Pastor: Now remembering the events of the last week of Jesus' life – how he entered into Jerusalem in great joy and how he left carrying a cross– we take our place at the table of the Lord's Supper to bear his sorrows and pledge ourselves to love and serve him. Pour out your Spirit, God, on these gifts of bread and wine that they may signify for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ – our teacher, our friend, and our Savior. May Christ's loving spirit work through us to serve and renew the world God loves.

All: All glory and honor is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
R

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
R

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Awesome God"

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ANNOUNCEMENTS REMINDER



Please submit any articles for the February Newsletter by **Tuesday, February 3rd**. Send via email to Zaida at zaida@unionucc.net. Thank you!



We **WELCOME** each of you to this celebration of worship. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our Guest register in the Narthex. Offering envelopes are found in the pocket on the back of the chairs in the sanctuary for your convenience.

Participating in Today's Service:

Readers

Louise Dempster, Joanna Hollis, Tom Richards

Deacons Assisting

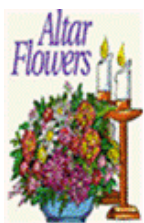
George Gerson

Union's Joys & Prayer Concerns

Joys: All Birthdays in February! Our Church Family! Live Streaming!
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany! Communion Sunday!

Concerns:

Dorothy Bates; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Jan Mark; Robert Herald family & friends; Joan Gerson; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; Jan Mark; Ada Harvey's grandson, Grant; David Ramirez; Irv Koehler; Tom Richards; Linda Padmore's family & friends; Rod Jennings's family & friends; Marion Gaetano's family & friends; Jane Grandusky's husband, Mark; Bonnie Avery's family and friends; Teresa Byrd; Lin McNaughton's mom and cousin, Cade; Linda Padmore's daughter, Jeannine; Linda Harvey; Susan Young's sister, Genie; Kirk Dorhout; Evelyn Chouris; Charlotte Snowden; Renna McGinnis; Beth White's family & friends; Frank Byrd's family & friends; Melanie Shepherd; Charlene Buck; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Rosemarie Lightfoot's sister, Anita; Beth White; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Borjana's son, Petar; Ruth Deischer's sister-in-law, Susan Deischer; Renna McGinnis; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Ruth Cassidy's husband, Bill; Rose's daughter, Tyshawna for healing & recovery; Jan Mark's son, Gary; Justice & Peace efforts; grieving, depression and anxiety; all refugees; Ukraine War; Puerto Rico; Haiti; Gun violence everywhere; Environmental concerns; Maui, HI, Florida; Israel conflict; Palestinians; Hurricane victims; Wild fires; Immigrant families; Attack on DEI; Medicaid & Food Assistance Programs; Hurricane Season Protection; Mass deportations of



Every Sunday beautiful flowers adorn our altar. We have a flower chart for sign-ups. Also, you can call the office or send an email to office@unionucc.net. Garden flowers are \$10 and floral arrangements are \$40. As an added bonus you can list the flowers in the bulletin in memory or in honor of someone or a special occasion. You are also welcome to take the \$40 arrangement home.



Sunday School Highlight

Join us in Sunday School! All ages welcome!
Our lesson this week is Filled with Joy. Our Scripture is Matthew 5: 1-12. Crafts, games and conversation can all be a part of our time together. Today's Sunday School teacher is Rebekah Gay.

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

The Name of the Lord

Unison

F Fmaj7 Bb/F

1 Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;
2 Glo-ry to the name of the Lord, Glo-ry to the name of the Lord;
3 Ho-ly is the name of the Lord, Ho-ly is the name of the Lord;

C/F F F/A Bb C Bb/C C

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord Most High!
Glo-ry to the name of the Lord Most High!
Ho-ly is the name of the Lord Most High!

Bb/C F Fmaj7 Bb/F

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;
Glo-ry to the name of the Lord, Glo-ry to the name of the Lord;
Ho-ly is the name of the Lord, Ho-ly is the name of the Lord;

C/F F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord Most High!
Glo-ry to the name of the Lord Most High!
Ho-ly is the name of the Lord Most High!

Bb/F F F Bb/F

The name of the Lord is a strong tow-

F Gm/F F C C7sus

- er; the right-eous run in - to it,

F Bb/F F Bb/F

and they are saved. The name of the Lord is

F Gm/F F

a strong tow - er; the right-eous run in -

C C7sus F Bb/F F

- to it, and they are saved.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting will be held on
February 15, 2026
11:45 AM after morning Fellowship.
All are invited to attend.
Please plan to attend as we review
2025 and make plans for 2026.

HOW DO YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS CONNECT?



The Nominating Team will review your
forms as we prepare for the 2026
slate.

What calls you deep in your heart?
What does your inner voice speak?
Is there a deep gift you have that might meet a deep
need? Turn in your Spiritual Gift Discernment form in
the box on the soundboard. If you have any questions
your spiritual gifts, please see Pastor Sheila. To turn in
your forms, please see Linda Padmore, Moderator.

496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk, in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms; lean - ing on
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,

ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,



The Union Congregational United Church of Christ

Food Pantry would love to have you be a part of the Ministry! Whether it is helping to bag on a Sunday after Fellowship, being part of the distribution on the first Saturday of each month or being a volunteer who pledges to pick up supplies, you are needed! Please sign-up on the soundboard and reach out to Frank if you are interested in being a part of this vital and necessary Ministry.

Music Rehearsals & Performances

Choir Rehearsals will be every Sunday, except first Sundays from 12:30pm-1:30pm for adults, and 11:30am-12:00pm for students. Handbells will rehearse on first Sundays from 12:00pm-1pm.

Choir Performances will be first and second Sundays at 10:00am with a 9:15am rehearsal to review the music.

Handbells and students will perform on special Sundays.



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Go to www.unionucc.net to see more of our news.

Office Hours are: Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

THIS WEEK AT UNION UCC

Sunday, February 1, 2026

10:00 AM - Worship – Facebook Live Streaming

11:15 AM - Fellowship - All are welcome!

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday - Friday – The Prayer Room is Open!

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Open during office hours!

Saturday, February 7, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM - Food Pantry Distribution

Sunday, February 8, 2026

10:00 AM - Worship – Facebook Live Streaming

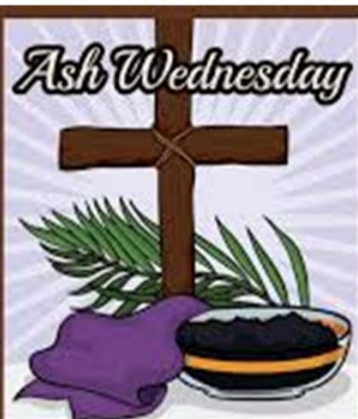
11:15 AM - Fellowship - All are welcome!

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Kids / Youth Rehearsal

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Music Rehearsal



SAVE THE DATE



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WEDNESDAY

Join us on

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Soup - 6pm

Service - 7pm

GLEANNING: Feeding Our Neighbors



All are invited to participate in our Gleaning mission – to gather fresh food for families in need. There is a sign-up sheet on the soundboard for all who would like to participate in gleaning. We will meet at the church parking lot on **February 21, 2026 at 7:45 am**. Donna Minott, Mission & Outreach

The Vision Beautiful

When we hear someone say how blessed they are or how blessed a friend is, we automatically think of how their lives are filled with answered prayers, abundant grace, and equally abundant provision. But when Jesus preached his Sermon on the Mount to the masses, he turned the idea of what a blessing is upside down.

I wonder what the reaction really was when all those who needed to hear an inspirational message from Jesus heard his take on a blessed life instead.

Blessed are you who are poor in spirit. Blessed are you who mourn. Blessed are you who are meek. Blessed are you who hunger. Blessed are you who have been reviled and persecuted. Blessed are you in all the muck of life — my addition, not Jesus'.

I woke up the other the day desperately needing to remember once again that a blessed life is not a charmed life. I needed to know that no matter what this world throws at me or what others might say about me or do to me, that I am blessed because I am a child of God.

In my moments where I feel no one hears me, Jesus is listening. Those days I feel invisible, Jesus sees me. Those days when I really feel as if I hate the world (please tell me I am not alone here), I know that Jesus isn't judging me. Rather, like any understanding friend, my Lord and my Savior, walks alongside me, softening the calluses forming on my heart by a world filled with chaos, anger and violence.

Days like these I need to stop everything and run into the arms of Jesus. I need to feel the safety and security of his redeeming love. I need to hear his beautiful voice reassure my blessedness. For the world will try its best to drag us down, but Jesus is there to always lift us up.

So blessed are you this day. You who hurts. You who has been betrayed. You who are tired. You who are doubting. You who has lost your way, your purpose, you're your faith.

Blessed are you. Period. No questions asked. Why? Because you are a beautiful child of God — seen, heard and loved.

God of grace and great hope, we ask that You bless the brokenness in our lives, putting back together the shattered pieces of dreams or relationships in a new way. And, as You do, may we hear deep in our hearts the reassuring and restorative words that through all of life's ups and downs that we are indeed blessed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.