



*Holy* Welcome



**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**

**HYMN SING SUNDAY**

**June 28, 2026**

\*Please stand as you are able.

*This service is livestreaming. Thank you. ❤️*

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**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 MEDLEY**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

“New Every Morning is The Love”

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Words of Welcome & Announcements

**INTROIT**

“You are Welcome Here”

**Refrain:** You are welcome here, no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey You are welcome here, no matter who you are, come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.

**Come now all people join in the song, come be a part of the family of God. We are God's people and you belong, share in the joy of Christ. Refrain**

**We pray for justice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Savior of all. We find God's mercy; we find release, sharing the joy of Christ. Refrain**

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: Come into God's love. God's love stretches wide,

**All: ready to embrace all with love.**

One: Come thirsty for the presence of God,

**All: ready to satisfy every thirst.**

One: Come to find a caring touch,

**All: ready to know grace in this community.**

One: Come together, full of welcome. Ready to drink deeply in God's presence.

**All: Come, let us worship God together.**

**\*INVOCATION**

Christ is with us!

***Christ is in our midst!***

**Water is a blessing; so is your word, O God. We open our hearts and minds to your spirit. May we drink it in, may it flow within us and around us, and take up residency in our souls. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE MEDLEY** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

**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 MEDLEY** "In The Garden"

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

***Refrain:* And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**“Day by Day”**

**Day by day day by day.  
Oh Dear Lord three things I pray.  
To see thee more clearly love thee more dearly.  
Follow Thee more nearly day by day.**

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**“Need You To Survive”**

**I pray for you, you pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive.  
I won't harm you with words from my mouth, I love you, I need you to survive.  
It is God's will that every need be supplied.  
You are important to me, I need you to survive.  
You are important to me, I need you to survive. *(Repeat)***

**OFFERTORY MEDLEY      “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le lu-ja. Hal-le, ha-le, hal-le-lu-ja.  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja. *(Repeat)***

**“Every Praise”**

**Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord. Ev'ry  
praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...This little light of mine, I'm  
gonna let it shine...This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine..let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine... Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it  
shine... Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...let it shine, let it shine, let it  
shine.**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (*Deacons George and Brandon 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**

### **Genesis 22:1-14**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

## Psalm 13

How long, O God? Will you forget me forever?

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O God, my God!

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,**

and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

**my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

**my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

I will sing to the Lord,

**because God has dealt bountifully with me.**

## Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

***Thanks be to God!***

### SONG OF PREPARATION

“How Great Thou Art”

Arr. Stuart K. Hine  
Soloist, Tom Richards

### SERMON

“Holy Welcome”

Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

### \*CLOSING HYMN MEDLEY

“Blessed Assurance”

“O, How I Love Jesus”

### \*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE MEDLEY

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

“Amazing Grace”

“Total Praise”

***DEPART TO SERVE***



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**

Junior Deacon Emma, Kirk Dorhout, Vanessa Nuñez

**Deacons Assisting**

Judith Mooers

**Union's Joys & Prayer Concerns**

**Joys:** All Birthdays in June! Our Church Family! Live Streaming! Hymn Sing Sunday!

**Concerns:**

Mario's mom, Elsa; Zaida's family & friends; Susan Young's family and friends, Jan Mark; Debbie Englert; Dorothy Bates; Linda Padmore; Stephen Spencer: Joan Gerson; Paula & Kirk's daughter-in-law, Melissa; Adderley's mom, Maxine; Lin's mom; Sharon and Donna's family and friends; Phyllis Adderley; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Robert Herald family & friends; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; 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; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Borjana's son, Petar; 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; Mass deportations of Immigrants; War In Iran; Cost of Living Increases



Blessed Birthday wishes to Joan Gerson  
from your husband, George Gerson  
and your church family.



Sunday School Highlight

Students will explore Jesus' teaching about welcoming others and name ways of showing compassionate hospitality. Today's Sunday School teacher is Louise Dempster.



# Hymn Sing Sunday

## HYMN OF PRAISE MEDLEY

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"



**Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed up on it, mount of God's unfailing love.**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

# Hymn Sing Sunday

## CLOSING HYMN MEDLEY

### "Blessed Assurance"



**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

*(Refrain)* **This is my story, this is my song, praising Savior all day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising Savior all day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;  
Washing and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness,  
lost in Christ's love. *(Refrain)***

### "O, How I Love Jesus"



**There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.**

*(Refrain)* **O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

**It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *(Refrain)***



## KINDNESS IS LOVE IN ACTION!



Join us for a special Fellowship Hour on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>! Union joins with the wider church and the United States of Kindness project in hopes to have a big impact on the way citizens treat each other by offering 250 Acts of Kindness, and we are already off to a great start!!

We have a sheet on the soundboard (or email [zaida@Unionucc.net](mailto:zaida@Unionucc.net)) for us to share how our Kindness is Love in Action! Join in on the good-fun of being Kind!!!

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-and-values-in-action-partnership-working-to-promote-kindness-across-the-country/>



# SAVE THE DATE

## July 26, 2026!



Kids, Teens, & Adults  
All are invited to participate in Union's  
Chancel Choir & Handbell Choir.

No Experience Necessary.  
If interested, please contact the office by  
email: [zaida@unionucc.net](mailto:zaida@unionucc.net)  
or call 561-686-0330.



SAVE THE DATE:  
AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

BACK TO SCHOOL

"SUNDAE"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

AFTER WORSHIP  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

**THIS WEEK AT UNION UCC**

**Sunday, June 28, 2026 Hymn Sing Sunday!**

**10:00 AM - Worship – Facebook Live Streaming**

**11:15 AM – Fellowship - All are welcome!**

**Tuesday - Friday – The Prayer Room is Open!**

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

**Saturday, July 4, 2026**

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

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 Communion Sunday / USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration!**

**10:00 AM - Worship – Facebook Live Streaming**

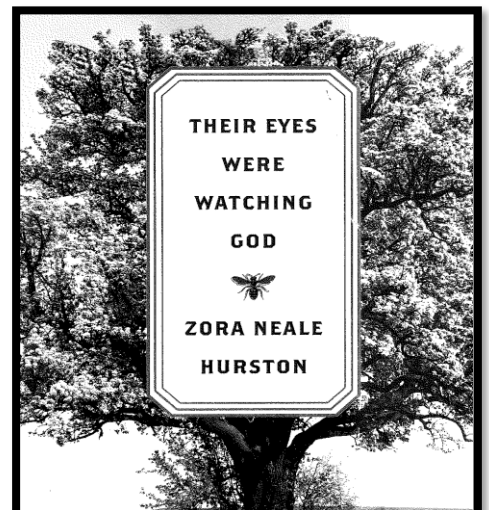
**11:15 AM – Fellowship - All are welcome!**



**SUMMER READING**

Their Eyes Were Watching God,

by Zora Neale Hurston. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will reflect on our Orlando trip and the book. For book information, contact Paula Dorhout.



June 28, 2026

Matthew 10:40-42

## Holy Welcome

When I first began living on my own, my mother would ask if my kitchen was stocked with treats for those who dropped by unexpectedly. Was there coffee? Tea? Cream and sugar for the coffee and tea? Cookies?

My answer was always “no,” to which she would sigh in exacerbation, “But you have to have cookies.”

I was living on an assistant editor’s salary in Manhattan. The thought of spending money on “extravagant” extras for those phantom guests was ludicrous to me. Even more ludicrous was my mother thinking that any stash of cookies would survive uneaten in my cupboards.

Perhaps it was that missing Martha Stewart gene in me that kept my cupboards empty of treats for others. Perhaps it was my mom’s deep-seated generational belief that good manners meant feeding someone at the spur of the moment.

Whatever it was, I do not deny that hospitality is important — and biblical. For in the breaking of the bread, humanity’s differences give way to a truth that connects us all: We are hungering for belonging, which begins with a welcome.

Jesus once told his friends that whoever welcomes them, welcomes him. And so, welcoming is a powerful, holy act that we often fail to see as such.

Think about a time when your schedule was interrupted by an unexpected visitor. You probably felt annoyed. But afterward you realized how that encounter was a blessing, turning your day — and attitude — around.

Now think back to a time when you called on someone without notice and were given a chilly hello and swift good-bye. How did that make you feel?

The reality is that we are all standing on proverbial welcome mats praying that the door before us opens to a place of acceptance — a place that tells us in the welcoming, that we are not only seen, but that our existence matters.

Such a welcome doesn’t have to be extravagant. It doesn’t even require having coffee and cookies on hand in the pantry. (Sorry, mom.) A simple cup of cold water to one of God’s little ones is meaningful, Jesus points out.

St. David of Wales had a motto in life and that was “do the little things.” On his deathbed in the 6th century, he reminded his monks to keep offering small acts of love, for those are the acts that make the world a better place.

Our holy welcomes are acts of love we can show others. And the good news is that our spiritual pantries are already stocked. We have the presence of ourselves to give both stranger and friend.

*Loving God, at the very start of creation You saw that humans should not be alone. We were meant to be there for one another, to slow down and show up for the one who is needing to know they are not invisible. May today we find those holy moments to connect with our siblings. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*