

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



June 16, 2024

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.



Who's Graduating?

We would like to recognize our 2024 graduates in our June newsletter. Please let the church office know (437-9266 or office@unionucc.com) if you will be a 2024 graduate (high school, college) and what type of degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, etc.) you have earned. We would like to say congratulations and give others a chance to do the same!

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

"Just As I Am"

WOODWORTH; arr. F. Lopez

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)

Leader: This is our Father's world, and to our listening ears all nature sings, and 'round us rings the music of the spheres.

**All: This is our Father's world: rest us in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

Leader: We give thanks to the Spirit calling us here, to recall the beautiful land described centuries ago by Rev. Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a minister from New York. In this familiar hymn he talked about his homeland, the eastern end of the Niagara Escarpment. Living on the western end of this geological wonder, we, too, all marvel at rocks and trees, skies and seas that God has wrought. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison) [taken from Hymn 256]

Leader: We live by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear from Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near. We worship with your ever-present Spirit, very aware of our triumphs and failures.

Leader: Spirit, we seek your word and try to follow your ways.
Sometimes we achieve great things in service to You and your people.
Sometimes we miss the mark, turning away from the challenges set before us.
There may be myriad reasons for our running from people.
It may require strength we cannot muster. We may even question your teachings in favor of political persuasions that disdain those who most need our help.

All: Forgive us for not heeding your call to serve those the world has forgotten. Forgive us for not using the strength of many helping hands rather than assuming we are alone. Let us heed your word rather than those who would point to the poor as undeserving of our help.

We live by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear from Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive) [Romans 8:38-39 from "The Message"]

Leader: From the words of Paul, in modern language:

All: I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Christ Jesus has embraced us. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

(Please turn and offer a sign of Christ's peace to one another.)

* HYMN NO. 33:

"This Is My Father's World"
(see page 5)

TERRA BEATA
The Red Hymnal

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

p. 548

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 with our paid nursery staff. Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN:

"You Are the Seed"
(see pages 6-7)

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*BENEDICTION (in unison)

**You are the seed that will grow a new sprout, you're a star that will shine through the day;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.**

**Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love 'til the end of the world.**

POSTLUDE:

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD; arr. J. Carter

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including **Phil Klickman** for our special music and our reader, **Brittany Hendrix Malone**, who also offered our Children's Moments.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 14, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Interested in knowing how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 6-18? If so, please join members of Education Ministry for a two-part **Youth Mental Health First Aid** training facilitated by Christie Reese on **Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, July 14, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

This training will cover topics including:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges in youth.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis.
- How to connect the youth with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

To sign up, or to indicate interest in participating in future sessions if the July 2024 dates do not work for you, please complete the form found in your This Week at Union email or contact the church office. Questions? Please contact Christie Reese at 920-273-5349.

This Is My Father's World

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Second Tune

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Ps. 50:10-12

Traditional English Melody

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise; The

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
Lord is King, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

You Are the Seed

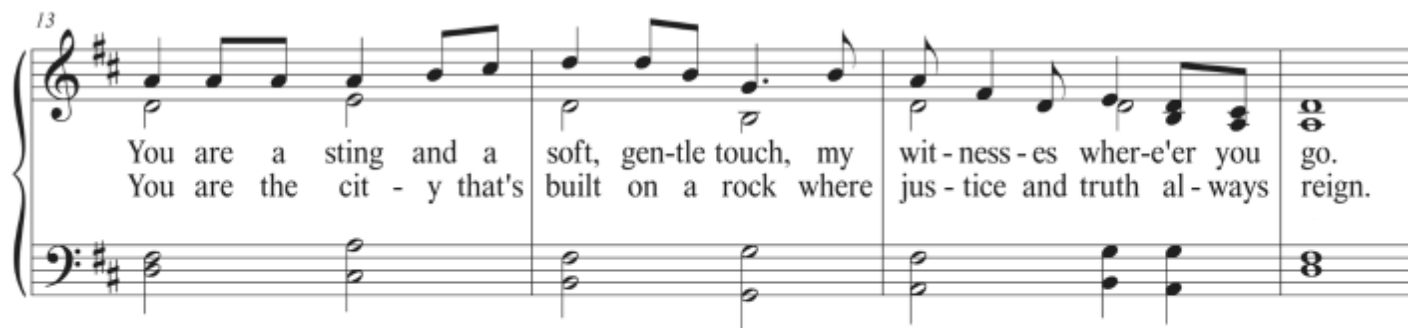
1. You are the seed that will grow a newsprout; you're a star that will shine through the
2. You are the flame that will bright - en the way, send - ing spar - kles of hope, faith, and

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day;
love;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a
You are the shep - herds to lead the whole world through

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bea - con to glow in the night.
val - leys and pas - tures of peace.
You are the seed that will
You are the friends that I

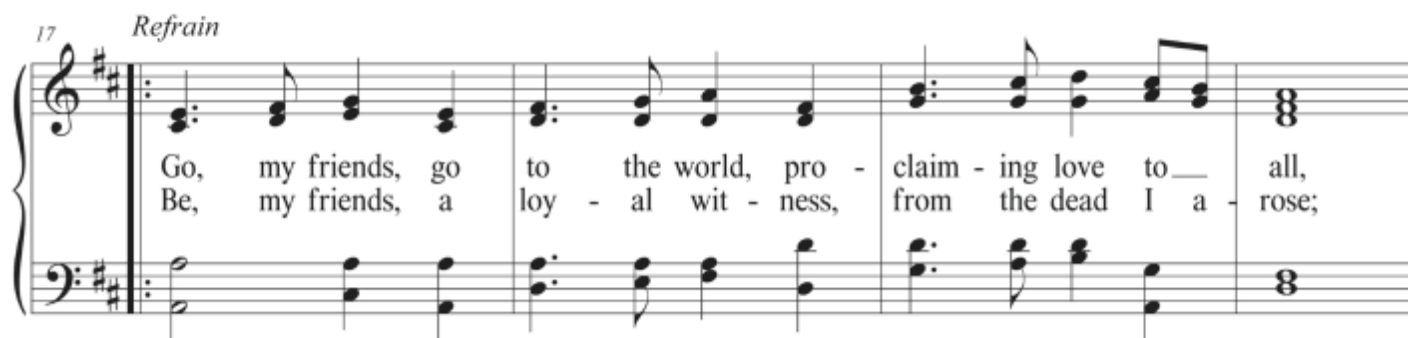
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bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear gold - en grain;
chose for my - self, the word that I want to pro - claim.

13



You are a sting and a soft, gen-tle touch, my wit-ness-es wher-e'er you go.
 You are the cit - y that's built on a rock where jus - tice and truth al - ways reign.

17 *Refrain*



Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to all,
 Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a - rose;

21



mes-sen-gers of my for - giv-ing peace, e - ter-nal love. till the end of the world."
 "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,

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We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

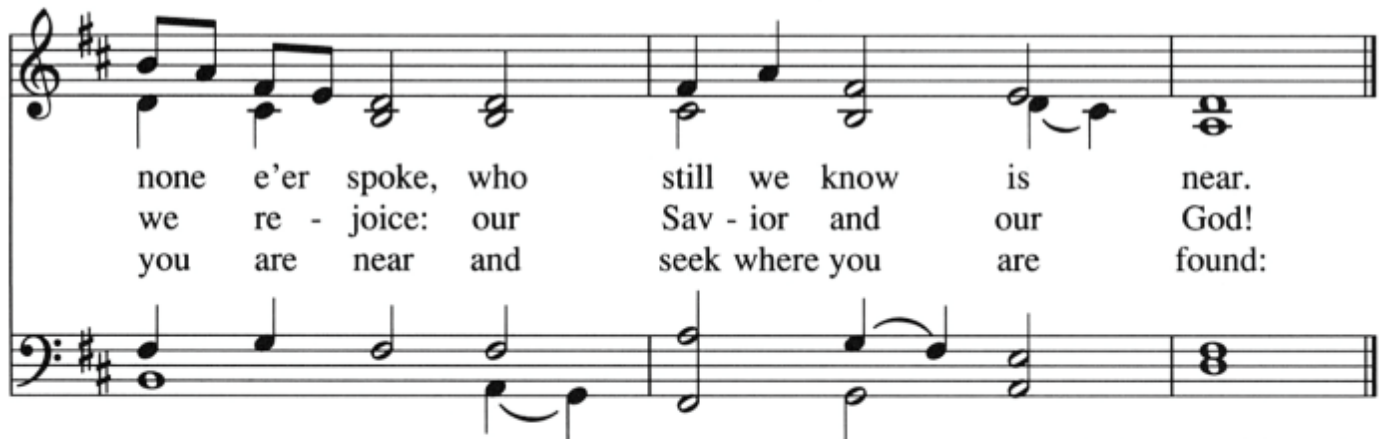
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1 We live by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;

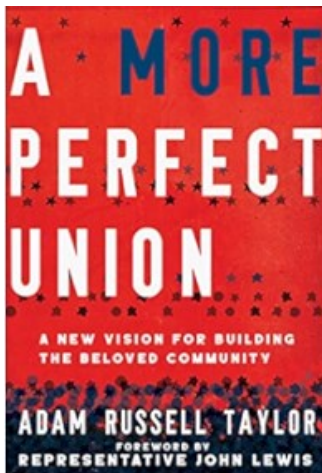


no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when



none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.
we re - joice: our Sav - ior and our God!
you are near and seek where you are found:

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.
Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986



Zoom Discussion with Rev. Adam Russell Taylor

We will culminate our Big Read of Adam Russell Taylor's "A More Perfect Union" by Zooming with Rev. Taylor on June 20 at 7 p.m. Feel free to join in even if you didn't participate in earlier sessions. No need to register, simply join us via the link in your This Week at Union email or contact the church office.

Worship in the Park and Church Picnic Sunday, June 23



Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a dish to pass. Membership Ministry will provide some grilled meat and non-meat mains and bottled water. We will only have a couple of small tents for shade, so bringing a hat or parasol might be a good idea! We'll need LOTS of help for set up and clean up. Plan to arrive at 9 a.m. if you can. Wear your Union T-shirt!



Thursday,
June 27



and Ally



more info
to follow

in St. James Park

Weekly Planner

June 17—22

Monday:

11:30 p.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thursday:

6:00 p.m. Sojourner Circle

7:00 p.m. Big Read Zoom with
Rev. Adam Russell Taylor

NEXT SUNDAY: June 23 **5th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 a.m. Worship in St. James Park
followed by Union's
church picnic in the park

Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets June 17



Join us at 11:30 a.m.
at the Village Grille in Allouez

No reservations necessary!

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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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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Our Church Staff

Senior Minister..... Bridget M. Flad Daniels
Administrative Assistant..... Eric Goska
Financial Secretary..... Katrina Catteruccia
Building & Maintenance Supervisor... Brad Dorin
Music Director..... Haley Steele
Interim Pianist..... David Hassel
Handbell Ensemble Director..... Linda Cook
Librarian..... Cathy Putman
AV Coordinator..... Eric Harkoff

Nursery Attendants:

Jenna Stevens, London Graham, Katelyn Mertens