



Union Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on. Some worshipers remain at their seat while others roam the sanctuary sharing the peace of Christ with one another. You may choose to share the peace with a fist bump, handshake, or peace sign.

Gather

Prelude

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad or scanning the attendance QR code on the card in the pew. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card and place it on the pulpit during the passing of the peace.

*Call to Worship

In the midst of fear and anger;

in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.

With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?

We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.

In the midst of our anxiety, our worry;

in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.

We are tempted to just grab a bite, a snack we can eat while driving or checking email or working on today's big project.

The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!

We are invited. We are welcome. Let us feast together!

*Hymn 301 (v.1-3)

All are Welcome

TWO OAKS

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Because of God's great love and mercy, we are made alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. With trust and hope in that grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we accept your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Siblings, hear the good news of the gospel. Jesus Christ has removed the weight of our sin and freed us for a life of abundance.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn 175

Children of all ages are invited to come to the chancel steps.

The bonus verse was written by The Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, a pastor in the Presbytery of Cincinnati.



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Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

Engage

Song for Illumination

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (Pew Bible OT p. 648)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Special Music

Crowded Table

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (Pew Bible NT p. 36)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

There is a Place for All Y'all

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn #769 (V. 1,3, bonus,5)**

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Respond

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from the *Belhar Confession*)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Offering Our Commitments

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Hymn 301 (v.4,5)**

All are Welcome

TWO OAKS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Danni Kavanaugh, Liturgist

Announcements

Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

We value children in worship! There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the Sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex. The service is streamed on YouTube on the TV in the nursery.

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday worship on September 27th: Martha Spanier, Dustie Kemp, Logan Kemp, Richard and Ruth Ann Sloan, Cheryl Davis, Alejandro Rosario and Sam Caudill. Kim Fry ran A/V, and Donna Shupe was the coffee hostess.



Just a reminder that it takes a village for our life together to happen, and there are multiple opportunities to Serve. As the Body of Christ, we all have gifts, talents and abilities to share. Lending a hand to help lead

Sunday worship or caring for our facility is one simple but important way to serve Christ and each other. Brochures with more info are available in the sanctuary. You may sign up on the website and/or by scanning this QR code

◆Other Activities this Week

Tuesday NO Welcoming Ministry or Deacons mtgs

Saturday Presbytery of Cincinnati Mtg
@ Evergreen Pres. 9am

◆Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Sunday School

Bible Basics after worship 2nd & 4th Sunday
Family Room

Chair Yoga

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Choir Room

Florence Woman's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sue Kozlowski

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

◆Youth Activities

Sunday School 6th – 8th Grade

2nd and 4th Sundays after worship Rm 113

Middle School Youth

This week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
Lakeside Presbyterian 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Next week: NKY Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, 10/9 5:30p- Saturday, 10/10 2p

High School Youth

This week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
Lakeside Presbyterian 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Next week: NKY Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, 10/9 5:30p- Saturday, 10/10 2p

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd and 4th Sundays after worship Rm 117

Cub Scouts, Pack 3805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2830

2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Birthdays

October 7 Miguel Carlin
October 9 Lisa Stenner

Prayers

Emmie & Josie Lubbers (tonsils removed 10/12,
Joe VonLehman, Joe Schaffer

Anniversaries

October 4 Bob & Linda Janes

3rd Annual Boone County Pride Festival is **TODAY from 12pm – 4pm** at the Florence Y'all's Stadium. UPC is joining over 70 booths for vendors, community organizations, businesses and churches and sharing the love of Christ, great info, giveaways and activities. Entertainment, concessions, a kids' area and more provide a joy-filled afternoon for all ages. Entertainment includes MUSE, drag queens with family friendly songs and Dance Flash Fusion. There is a kids' area, and concessions are available for purchase.



There is a place for you at God's crowded table! World Communion Sunday is a great time to kick-off stewardship season as we celebrate communion with Christians and are fed at God's crowded table! ALL of creation belongs to God, and that means ALL of creation is welcome at God's crowded table. We will celebrate that good news with our neighbors this afternoon at Boone Pride. The image of God's crowded table will shape our life together for the next month as we explore what it means to say "There is a place for you here."

Sunday, October 11th – There is a place for you HERE at UPC. Learn more about the faith family at UPC

Sunday, October 18th – There is a place for YOU here. Bring a dish to share at the crowded potluck table & learn how you can also use your gifts at UPC at the ministry fair.

Sunday, October 25th – There is a PLACE for you here. Let's equip UPC to thrive!

Sunday, November 1st – There IS a place for you here. We'll celebrate All Saints' Sunday and the great cloud of witness whose legacy brought us to this point in time and ponder the legacy we're continuing to create for others.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, October 18 th	Potluck and ministry fair after worship (Bring your favorite dish to share.)
Saturday, October 24 th	PB&J presents Hit It! percussion performance & fun 10:30am
Sunday, October 25 th	Trunk or Treat with bonfire and mission project 1pm – 3pm
Sunday, November 1 st	Chili Cook Off after worship

Class of 2027

Mary Lu Funyak
Laura Pears

SESSION

Class of 2028

Sue Kozlowski
Frank Lindsey

Class of 2029

Kevin Dern
Mark Highland

Class of 2027

Sam Caudill
Grace Daniel
Cheryl Davis

DEACONS

Class of 2028

Molly Gilbert
Ollie Seidman
Alison Vessa

Class of 2029

Hayden Monson
Ruth Ann Sloan
Sheila Wenstrup