



Union Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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.

This morning's liturgy is adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava, Avery Arden, Rev. Brooke Scott, and Matt Webb | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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

Gather

Prelude

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad or scanning the QR code. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place the prayer card on the pulpit during the passing of the peace and the fellowship pad sheet in the basket when you come forward for communion.

*Call to Worship

Source of Life, you made us and called us beloved.

When we forget how to love, you remind us we are beloved.

When the powers of the world try to oppress us, you name us beloved.

When our siblings in faith condemn us, you claim us: beloved.

We are your beloved.

So today we sing your praises, Source of Love.

*Hymn 366 (V.1,2)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Praise

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Divine Creator, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking forgiveness. We confess, O God, that we have subjected others to the kind of rejection and misunderstanding that you yourself experienced in the form of Jesus.

Meanwhile, in moments of doubt, we have sometimes sought approval from those who do not understand our truth instead of finding solace in the chosen family with which you have blessed us. Have mercy on us, O God, when we have believed what others say about us rather than what you promise. Have mercy on us, O God, when we have caused others to doubt your love.

Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have allowed ego to overshadow our ability to extend solidarity and support to our most marginalized siblings. Like Esther, who risked her life to advocate for her people, help us to use whatever privilege or advantages we possess to uplift the voices of those who are vulnerable and oppressed. In times of fear and uncertainty, may we find solace in your promises, O God.

Even when our earthly relationships falter, you remain steadfast in your love for us. Strengthen us with the knowledge that you will always take us in and hold us close, especially when we feel alone or misunderstood by those we hold dear. Help us, O God, to live authentically and boldly as the children you created us to be.

Give us courage to trust our belovedness even in a world that sometimes threatens to snuff out the life that has been breathed into us by God. Strengthen us to embody your love and courage in all that we do. Guide us to walk humbly, act justly, and extend grace and mercy to all whom we encounter. May our lives be a reflection of your boundless love and embrace. In your holy name we pray.

(Silent prayers of confession)

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.

Hymn 460

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



Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

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.

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Siblings in Christ...each day is a new chance to affirm life, to start over, and to love more fiercely. We are being renewed daily. This is our hope.

We are all loved, forgiven, embraced, and cherished.

We are God's beloved. 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.

Engage

***Song for Illumination** *Break Thou The Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible OT p.831)

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

Thanks be to God!

Message

We Are ALL Beloved

Rev. Lisa Stenner

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

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online www.unionpresby.org automated giving through your bank, and through snail mail.

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

Responsive Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the *Declaration of Debrecen*)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Hymn 366 (V.3,4)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Devon Golden, 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.

The beautiful flowers in the chancel are in celebration of Heather Dern as our Music Director for the past two years. We pray that funds become available so that we can renew her contract in the fall.

Thank you to Molly Gilbert, Lynn Jasensky, Sue & Dave Kozlowski, Frank Lindsey and Kristin Lintleman for their assistance last Sunday that made our worship experience possible! Check out Opportunities to Serve to learn how you can help make things happen.

Many hands make light work, and we need LOTS of folks to help weed UPC's community garden. We do not have many gardeners this year, and the plots are a wee bit scary. Come when you can and help clean up the unused plots as well as the space between plots. Throw weeds in the dumpster. Thank you in advance for your beautification efforts!

◆ Other Activities this Week

Monday Finance Ministry 6:45pm

◆ Adult Activities

Choir Practice

On summer hiatus

Sunday School

On summer hiatus

Chair Yoga

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stitches

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Choir Room

Florence Women'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 4th – 7th Grade

On summer hiatus

Middle School Youth

NKY Youth is on hiatus until August. Special events TBD.

High School Youth

NKY Youth is on hiatus until August. Special events TBD.

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-3rd Grade

On summer hiatus

Cub Scouts, Pack 3805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2830

1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday 6pm

Union Children's Choir

On hiatus until summer camp

Birthdays

June 10 Donna Shupe
June 11 Phil Ruwe

Prayers

Trevor Stenner, Ruth Ann Sloan, Joe Schaffer

Anniversaries

June 9 Ed & Sue Dobryzkowski



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.

y'all means all!

NKY Pride is TODAY UPC is not marching in the parade in order to focus on our festival booth. We'll be making new friends, sharing swag and temporary tattoos and offering glitter blessings from 12pm – 5pm. UPC's booth is #83 on

Philadelphia St. just north of 6th St. at the corner of Goebel Park.

Quarter Auction Thursday, June 11th Join us at the Florence Lions Club as we raise money for UPC. Bring your friends to enjoy an evening of Quarter Auction fun. Never been to a Quarter Auction? Imagine auction meets raffle meets game of chance plus concessions, vendors, split-the-pot, door prizes, raffle and lots of laughter. Doors open at 6pm. Auction begins at 7pm. Admission is free. Paddles are \$2 or 3/\$5. Bring your quarters and cash to win awesome prizes including gift baskets, gift certificates and more.

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School July 6th – 9th 6:30pm – 8pm! Plans are underway for an amazing time of learning and fellowship for our K-5th graders and their families. Contact Bethany Brewer Ball or Heather Dern if you would like to be involved.

SESSION

Class of 2027

Mary Lu Funyak
Laura Pears

Class of 2028

Sue Kozlowski
Frank Lindsey

Class of 2029

Kevin Dern
Mark Highland

DEACONS

Class of 2027

Sam Caudill
Grace Daniel
Cheryl Davis

Class of 2028

Molly Gilbert
Ollie Seidman
Alison Vessa

Class of 2029

Hayden Monson
Ruth Ann Sloan
Sheila Wenstrup