



Union Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023 | 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.

Psalm 103:13

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

Psalm 103:8

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Place both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

I'll Fly Away

*Call to Worship

Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love.

The Lord is our strength and our power!

Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope.

The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day.

Hymn

Amazing Grace

Prayer of Praise

Hymn

Silver Trumpet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not agree with us. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others so that we may dwell in peace with Christ who is Lord of all.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

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.

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the table.

Engage

Song for Illumination

Lord, Prepare Me

SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Children's Message

Down in the River to Pray

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Thanks be to God!

Message

Living To the Lord

Rev. Lisa Stenner

Hymn

Life's Railway to Heaven

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, Venmo and through snail mail.

Offertory

Wings of a Dove

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**



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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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Angel Band

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist
Robert Brown, Liturgist

Birthdays

September 17

Jan Lawson,
Kristin Lintelman

September 21

Emmett Pears

Prayers

Kim Fry, Carol Graham, Brad Marcum



Brush Arbor is possible thanks to countless disciples giving so generously of their time and talent. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who has already worked so hard and to those that will be working hard. Special appreciation to our deacons for lunch and for the table decorations.

Abraham's Pantry Quilt Raffle Here's your chance to win a beautiful, vibrant, handmade quilt and support Abraham's Pantry at the same time! During September you can purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each before and after worship each Sunday. Abraham's Pantry leadership team will be in the Narthex and the quilt will be on display! You may purchase as many tickets as you wish and 100% of your donation benefits our neighbors in need. You may also purchase your tickets online through the website. Please choose "other" and list Abraham's Pantry in the comment box. Tickets will be mailed to you. The quilt measures 62"x74". Our winner will be drawn at the October potluck! Good luck! And thank you for supporting Abraham's Pantry!



Order your spiffy UPC tshirt TODAY! You may order on the sheet near the name tags or on the website. Shirts are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and youth. They will be heather gray with the logo on the front and "There is a place for you here" on the back. Please note "Tshirt" in the memo of your check or online payment.

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!

The Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer Club is a non-profit organization with over 100 members active in the community, providing entertaining programs at local schools, libraries, nursing homes, festivals and other venues. HOKD strives to promote the rich history and music of the Appalachian lap dulcimer to young and old alike. For more information, see the HOKD website: www.hokdulcimer.com

Are you ready to make your relationship with UPC “official”? We will receive new members on September 24. Please contact Pastor Lisa if you are ready to make the commitment of official membership or if you have questions and would like to know more.

Sunday, October 1st is World Communion Sunday, and we want to include languages other than English in worship. If you speak another language and are willing to read something in that language, please sign the sheet by the name tags or contact Pastor Lisa.

◆ Other Activities this Week

Wednesday Abraham's Pantry mtg 7pm

Adult Activities

Yoga

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am
Narthex

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Iglesia Pentecostales Palabra de Vida

Sunday at 4pm, Thursday at 7pm
Info: (513) 728-5343

Choir Practice

Summer hiatus

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

◆ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth

TODAY Recover from Brush Arbor

Sr. High Youth

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Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112
Resumes soon

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every Other Friday at 6pm