

Union Community Church

“Seeking to Know Christ and Make Christ Known ”



**“The Lord Has Done Great
Things for Us”**



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WORSHIPING GOD OVER THE YEARS
175 Years of Worship
November 9, 2025

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and Greeting –

Rev. James Holeman

*Call to Worship-

Rev. James Holeman

[Psalm 100 KJV]

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

People: and his truth endureth to all generations.

Musical Introit

Singing our History

Introduction to the Singing of our Faith-

Frank Suggs

Hymn - Holy Holy Holy- 1861

#1, "Holy, Holy, Holy," vs. 1, 2, 3

Excursion 1: Union's Earliest History- Mill Creek-

Rev. David Carriker

Hymn - Standing on the Promises- 1880
#838, "Standing on the Promises," vs. 1, 2

Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon -

Rev. James Holeman

[based on the 1906 Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church in the United States]

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no righteousness in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

Hymn – The Old Rugged Cross- 1913
"The Old Rugged Cross," [insert- vs. 1, 2, 3]

Excursion 2: Union thru the decades -

Colonel Gary McGinnis - US Army (Retired)

Hymn - Precious Lord, Take My hand- 1938
#834, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymn – There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit- 1962
#408, "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Excursion 3: Passing on the Faith to the Generations-

Rev. Dr. Jack Davidson

Responsive Reading-

Frank Suggs

[from the 1840 Presbyterian Catechism for Young Children]

Q 1 – Who made you?

A - God

Q 2 – What else did God make?

A – God made all things

Q 3 – Why did God make you and all things?

A - For his own glory.

Q 4 – How can you glorify God?

A - By loving him and doing what he commands.

Q 6 - Are there more Gods than one?

A - There is only one God

Q 14 – Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A - In the Bible alone

Q 19 – Have you a soul as well as a body?

A - Yes; I have a soul that can never die.

Q 40 – Who can change a sinner's heart?

A – The Holy Spirit alone

Q 41 – Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works?

A – None can be saved through the covenant of works.

Q 43 – With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?

A - With Christ, his eternal Son.

Q 45 – What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?

A - To keep the whole law for his people and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

Q 46 – Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin?

A – No; he was holy, harmless and undefiled.

Q 55 – Who will be saved?

A - Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ and lead holy lives.

Q 57 – What is it to believe, or have faith in Christ?

A - To trust in Christ alone for salvation.

Hymn - Lord I Lift Your Name on High- 1989

#2088, "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Excursion 4: The Future of Union

Message from ECO

Hymn- Behold our God- 2011

“Behold our God” [insert– vs. 1, chorus, vs. 3, chorus, bridge, chorus]

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 126

Rev. Dr. Wanda Suddreth Neely

Homily- “The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us,”

Rev. Dr. Wanda Suddreth Neely

Responding to the Word

Special Music- I Surrender All –

Union Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer –

Rev. James Holeman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Special Music- Morning Has Broken – Rick Wakeman video

*The Doxology

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Statement of Faith as God's People –

Sally McGinnis

[The Apostle's Creed]

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessed and Sent to Be a Blessing -

Rev. James Holeman

Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#649, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," vs. 1, 3, 5

Prayer for the Meal/ Benediction -

Rev. James Holeman

Postlude

Dismissed in Groups for lunch



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