

*“Empowered by God’s grace, as members of the Union Baptist Church, we gather together in community as the Body of Christ seeking to strengthen our faith and serve the world with love in response to God’s call.”*

*~ Mission Statement of Union Baptist Church ~*

THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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**WELCOME!**

*If you are our guest this morning we are glad you have joined us!  
Please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack and drop it  
in the offering plate, or return it to a worship leader.*

**Please Note:** *The offering plates will not be passed during the service.  
Plates are available at both entrances/exits.*

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Welcome Paul Rogers

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* CARTER

Call to Worship (based on 1 Kings 8) Paul Rogers

One: O God, sit with us in your Temple this morning; fill us with your blessing  
till we can't take anymore.

**Many: Fill us, O God, till we can't take anymore.**

One: O God, fill this place with your presence, so that the preaching comes alive,  
the singing causes souls to revive, demons tremble and die.

**Many: Fill us, O God, till we can't take anymore.**

One: Hear our prayers, as we praise you today. Incline your ears to our cries, as  
we worship you today. There is none like you in heaven or on earth. Hear  
our plea, and forgive us we pray.

**Many: Fill us, O God, till we can't take anymore.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

*(Joseph W. Daniels, Jr., The Africana Book of Worship, Year B)*

\*Hymn of Praise #335 *Though I May Speak* O WALY WALY

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer ("debts") Paul Rogers

\*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Bringing of Gifts  
Prayer  
Offertory *Gentle Shepherd* GAITHER

\*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Family Ministry Moment		Harry Watson
Anthem	<i>Beautiful Memories</i> Robin Crandall, piano	EKLUND
Call for Prayer		Dr. Brown
Prayers of the People		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Hymn of Preparation #559	<i>We Gather Together</i>	KREMSER
Scripture ( <i>New Test. p. 75</i> )	John 6:56-69	Bill Hathaway
Sermon	“Losing My Religion”	Dr. Brown
*Hymn of Dedication #210	<i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	ST. ANNE
*Benediction		Dr. Brown
Postlude	<i>Resounding Praise</i>	GIAMANCO

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*\*(For those who are able, please stand)*

### **IN CELEBRATION**

Today’s worship flowers are given by Sue & Charlie Eastman in celebration of their birthdays.

### **TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS**

**Cantor:** Bill Hathaway

**Greeter:** Bill Adams

**Ushers:** Paula Fowler & Mike Sauchuk

### **AN INVITATION**

The members of Union Baptist Church sincerely extend to you the invitation to follow the Master, Jesus Christ as a member of our congregation. A member is received in one of the following ways:

- (1) transfer of letter of membership from another Christian Church
- (2) upon profession of faith and baptism
- (3) statement of faith when no record of membership/baptism can be secured from one’s former church, or
- (4) restoration of active membership if previously a member became inactive

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 29

9:00 A.M. NO Sunday Morning Forum  
(summer break)

9:30 A.M. Worship (S/Facebook Live)

### Monday, August 30

9:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (summer break)

7:00 P.M. Al-Anon (MPR/Zoom)

7:00 P.M. OA (FH/Zoom)

### Tuesday, August 31

10:00 A.M. Mat Yoga (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 1

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (summer break)

12:00 P.M. OA (Zoom)

6:00 P.M. ACOA (FH)

### Thursday, September 2

10:00 A.M. Chair Yoga (Zoom)

4:30 P.M. AA (FH)

6:00 P.M. Evening Bible Study (summer break)

6:30 P.M. Social Justice Team (see Rev. Brown)

### Friday, September 3

1:00 P.M. Crafting in Joanie's Room (MH)

7:30 P.M. Women's AA (Zoom)

### Saturday, September 4

7:00 P.M. AA (FH)

### Sunday, September 5

9:00 A.M. NO Sunday Morning Forum

9:30 A.M. Worship (S/Facebook Live)

FH ..... Fellowship Hall  
HT ..... Happy Time Room  
MH ..... Morgan House  
O ..... Office  
MPR ..... Multi-purpose Room  
PS ..... Pastor's Study  
S ..... Sanctuary

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## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Fran Brayman

Bob Leuba

Conrad Weller (nephew of Shannon Olexy)

Dick Wheeler (Bob Wheeler's brother)

✝️📖 **Lectionary Readings** 📖✝️  
**for Weekly Bible Studies**

### *Week of August 29*

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 ..... Psalm 45:1-2,6-9

James 1:17-27 ..... Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

We thank you for your generosity in giving,  
in service, and in faith! Union Baptist Church finds  
its strength through our togetherness in ministry for  
the sake of Christ, and we thank you for all you give  
to bring life and vitality to our mission.

The new pledge year begins July 1, 2021. Extra  
pledge cards can be found in the foyer. If you need  
offering envelopes, information about online giving,  
or have questions, contact the church Treasurer,  
Carl Strand at 860-536-6844.

In summer, the song sings itself.



~William Carlos Williams

## STAFF

MINISTER ..... Rev. Dr. Lonnie A. Brown

MINISTER EMERITUS ..... Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ..... Janice Brewer

ORGANIST ..... Dr. John Dreslin

ADMIN. ASSISTANT ..... April Sauchuk

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