

“What the Bible is...and What the Bible is Not”

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MISSION STATEMENT

Union Congregational Church, is a community of diverse believers, sharing with one another and accepting of all. With God's unconditional love, we come together to worship, to nurture each other and to reach out with love to all persons.



THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(Please turn off all electronic devices – they interfere with the organ)

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY God

***“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”***

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Torri Vande Zande

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

TIME OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Response: Today is the day the Lord has made, let us not forget to praise our God

Leader: On this day we will praise and worship our God in this place of refuge and find God’s strength

Response: On this day we will find refuge in God and know God’s unconditional love.

Leader: Today we will know God’s unconditional love is for me, for you and for all the world.

Response: Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER

God of grace and love, we come here this morning knowing You are a God who loves unconditionally. We thank You for the faithfulness You have shown to our families, friends and community. Forgive us when we fall short of being who You have designed us to be. We ask that You be with us and teach us to be more like Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (pg. 159 SH) vs. 1-2

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Greeting our neighbors, extending hands)

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

Response: And also with you.

PRAISE SONG “Sing to the Glory”

Sing to the glory of the God who creates us,

Sing to the glory of the Christ who redeems us,

Sing to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who sustains and comforts us;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, world without end, world without end. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GODS WORDS

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:15-17

SERMON “What the Bible is...and What the Bible is Not”

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SONG “Be Now My Vision”

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ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into membership Barb Courneya, Paul Courneya, Joe Mullen, John Sinkler and Torri Vande Zande.

WE RESPOND IN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS

SONG “Bind Us Together” (pg. 4 SH)

SHARING OF JOYS IN CONCERNS (Praises and prayer requests)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, in heaven and here on earth, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Yours is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR TALENTS AND TREASURE

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER (Unison)

God, we thank You for providing for our needs. We give our time, our talents and our treasures to further Your kingdom here on earth. Use all our gifts to glorify Your name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG "May God's Blessing"
May God's blessing shine upon us,
May we go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 12: **New Member Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old  
10:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall

### MONDAY, MAY 13:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Upper Room Bible Study (Library)  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)

### TUESDAY, MAY 14:

9:30 AM Congregational Life/Called to Care Meeting  
12:00 PM Financial Stewardship Meeting  
3:00 PM Service at Birchview

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15:**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Justice Ministry Team Meeting  
5:30 PM Family Table

**THURSDAY, MAY 16:**

1:00 PM Church Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, MAY 17:**

Happy Birthday: Preston Stanko  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)

**SATURDAY, MAY 18:**

Happy Birthday: Randy Vosbeck

**SUNDAY, MAY 19: Pastor Torri's Installation**

Happy Birthday: Al Griggs, Barbara Lyall, Megan McGill Shaner  
9:00 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old  
10:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall  
5:30 PM Games in Friendship Hall

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - Join us in the Library for coffee and conversation at 10:00 AM. Bible Study is 10:30 - 11:30 AM. We use Upper Room materials.

**THE TREASURE SALE IS COMING!** Mark your calendars for June 12,13,14, and 15. Union Church UCC will be hosting a wonderful sale to benefit our Youth and Families Program. Bring your 40 Bags of Lent items to the Lower Level now so we can jumpstart the sorting and placing of them. For larger items like furniture, tools, etc. please contact Heidi H., Karen H., or leave message at church office. If you need pick-up or delivery, Cindy G. will return soon. Volunteers are also needed for this project.

**VBS TIME** is June 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup> - Give kids a great Christian Learning experience in our Up North Country. We welcome all youth ages 4 years old to entering 8th grade to join us for Globetreckers II as we visit four cultures/continents of the world.

Deep Portage Preserve will again co-host older youth. Applications for VBS are on church website. Please enroll as early as possible. If you have questions, contact Jo H. at (651) 274-2145 or leave message at church office.

**THE CHRISTIAN LEARNING TEAM** will meet on Sunday, June 9th, after the service to review summer programs. We need as many as possible to attend so please RSVP. See you there!

### **MAY EVENTS**

**May 19** – Pastor Torri's Installation

**May 26** – Plant Sale

### **JUNE EVENTS**

**June 9** – Sue Grage will be preaching while Pastor Torri is at a Regional Meeting

**June 12, 13, 14 & 15** – Treasure Sale 9:00AM to 6:00PM

**June 18 – 25** – Pastor Torri will be gone to General Synod

**June 26, 27 & 28** - VBS

## Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
\* you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
Traditional Irish melody  
Harm. David Evans, 1927