

**October 23, 2022, 10 a.m.  
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Union Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Elk River, Minnesota 763-441-1203**

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## Liturgical Arts Panels

We are blessed to have the wonderful panels created by Paula Benfer. She has graciously written interpretations which we will be sharing in the bulletin as the panels are put on display. Thank you, Paula, for sharing your insight with us.

The Liturgical season is green. Green is the color of life and growth.

The white and red flag is a banner symbolic of Christ. The apostle Peter was commanded to build Christ's church; the keys represent that. The mustard flower is a symbol of faith, as tiny as a mustard seed. The present church is symbolically represented as a beehive, and the bees are the workers who take the message of Christ into the world. The red cross is a symbol for martyrs; and each sheep in the flock represents one of the twelve disciples. The hands of all races are raised to volunteer for Christ, to say, "Here am I Lord. Send me."

**Welcome!**

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

We offer worship via Facebook Live broadcasts every Sunday at 10am. You can be here in person or participate virtually during, or any time after the service. Every Sunday, the service is recorded and broadcast on Facebook. You can contact the church at any time. See office hours below.

**Please SILENCE cell phones during the service.**

The wi-fi password is: stillspeaking1203



## VISION

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

*(Micah 6:8, (NIV))*

## ***Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Mission Statement***



*God calls us to minister to each other. This ministry goes beyond our congregation into the community, wider world, and to the earth itself. We seek to reach those in the margins of society, to empower the powerless, and to leave this earth a better place than when we each arrived*

**Worship October 23rd, 2022**

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES


## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*If you are in-person, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad to let us know you are here.*

*If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to click a reaction button on Facebook to let us know you are with us.*



The  is located in the Vestry. (the room off of the sanctuary) Also, in the back of the sanctuary, is a table with items and bags for activities appropriate for the kids to work on and play with during the service. Children are welcome to sit at the table or bring the bag back to sit with parents.

## WORDS OF CENTERING

"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart."

- Mahatma Gandhi

\* We invite you to stand as your spirit or body is willing.

\* **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP SPP 22 "Come, All You People"**



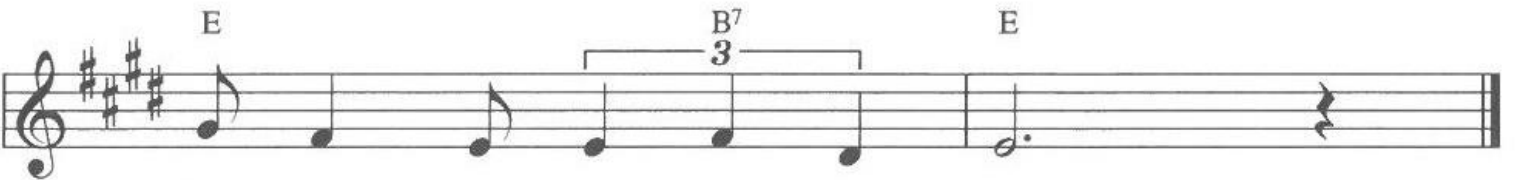
1. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High.  
2. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior.  
3. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it.



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Come now, and wor - ship our God.  
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One: Holy One, Spirit of Life and Love, you invite us into your dwelling places

**All: and we are astounded by the loveliness of them.**

One: Our soul longs to abide there with you where even the sparrow finds a home;

**All: at your altars even the swallow may make a nest.**

One: When we dwell in your house where all are welcome and all find sanctuary, we are nurtured and made strong;

**All: and we can't help but lift our voices in songs of worship and praise.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 59:

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
 2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;  
 3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less  
 Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners

blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry  
 strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of  
 free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to

high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.  
 soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

### & PEACE PRAYER

Laurie Lang

### GREETING OF PEACE

In the same spirit in which we receive the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ, let us offer to one another our own sign of peace.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also, with you.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Carson Schneider

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14 (NRSV) Kelly Lundquist

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt.

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the other people—thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

“I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humble, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

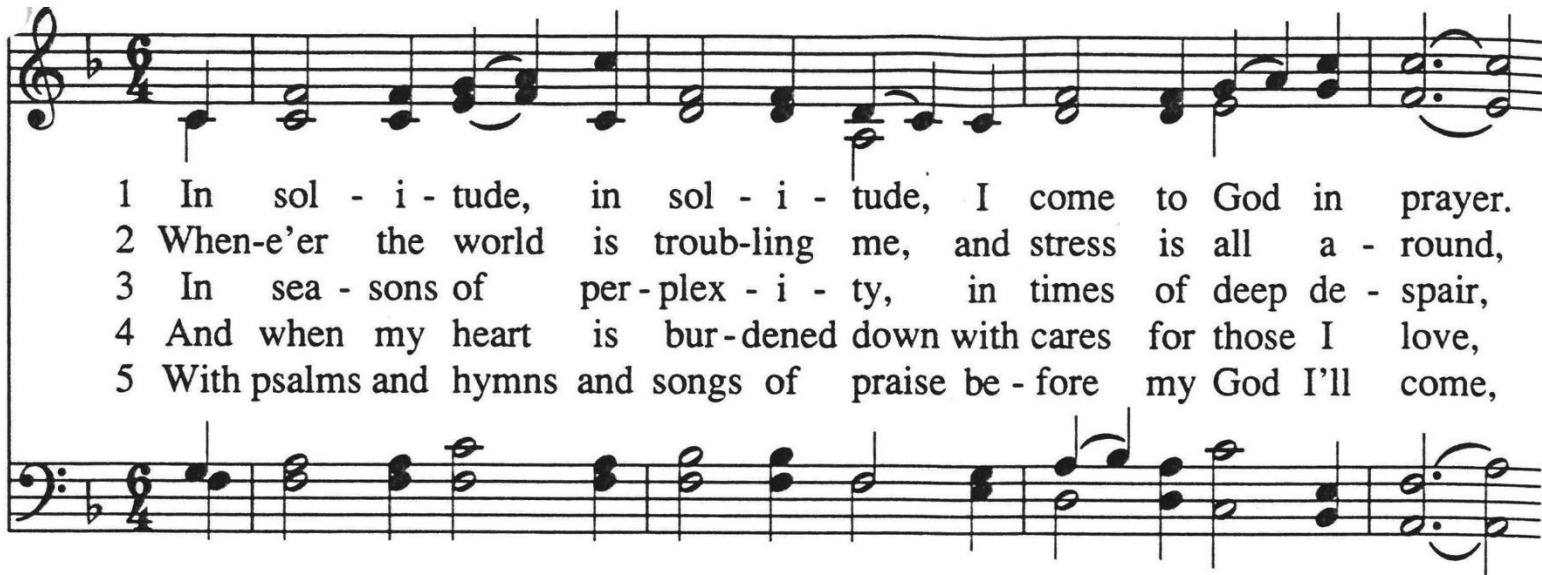
### SERMON

“Humbling Prayer”

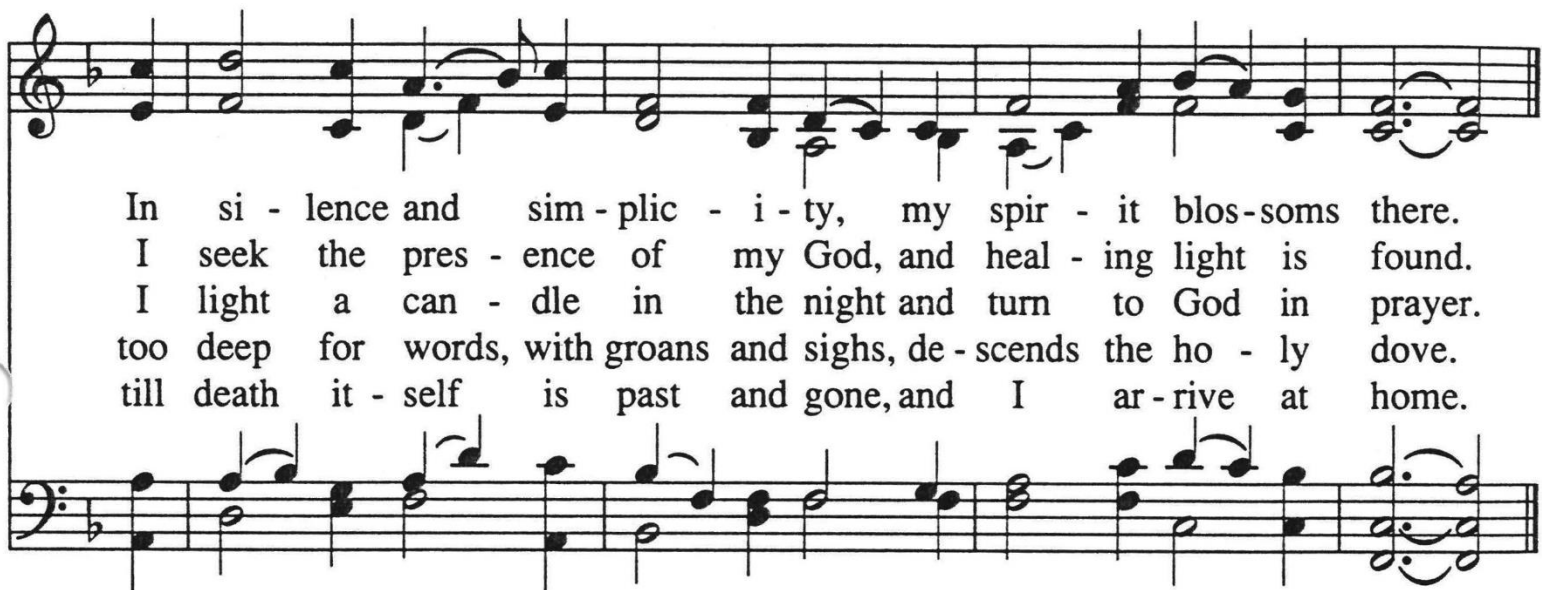
Rev. Doug Federhart

\* **HYMN 521** “In Solitude”





1 In sol - i - tude, in sol - i - tude, I come to God in prayer.  
2 When-e'er the world is troub-ling me, and stress is all a - round,  
3 In sea - sons of per-plex - i - ty, in times of deep de - spair,  
4 And when my heart is bur-dened down with cares for those I love,  
5 With psalms and hymns and songs of praise be - fore my God I'll come,



In si - lence and sim - plic - i - ty, my spir - it blos-soms there.  
I seek the pres - ence of my God, and heal - ing light is found.  
I light a can - dle in the night and turn to God in prayer.  
too deep for words, with groans and sighs, de - scends the ho - ly dove.  
till death it - self is past and gone, and I ar - rive at home.

# OF THE COMMUNITY

Notes:

## **THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT** (adapted from Richard McCall)

Blessed One, our Father, Mother, Parent

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive

those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be,

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE/RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

\* DOXOLOGY SPP 143 "We Are Grateful"

Grate-ful for the life you give us, thank-ful for your

Ho-ly One, joy-ful in your Spir-it flow-ing o-ver all, O God

of Love. Grate-ful for the Bread of Heav-en, thank-ful for your

Ho-ly Word. joy-ful in your mer-cy flow-ing, we will praise you.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (let us pray together)

**ALL:** Accept these gifts, Holy One, given in thanks for all that we have received through your infinite generosity. May we in turn put them to good use towards our commitment to helping create a world where peace and justice abound. - Amen.

\* HYMN 505 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care;  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!  
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
 With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,  
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,

and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
 I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**Elk River Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ: Visiting**

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**Pastor:** Rev. Doug Federhart      **Deacon:** Marce Ediger

**Office Administrator:** Giuliana Beckwith      **Liturgists:** Laurie Lang & Kelly Lundquist

**Piano:** Carson Schneider

**Greeter/Usher:** Jan & Larry Wick

**Interim Senior Choir**

**Children's Time: ...**

**and Handbell Director:** Carson Schneider

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**Office Hours**

Office hours for the church are Sunday 9:00am to 1:00pm before and after worship, Monday/Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm, and Wed 8:00am-3:00pm. Call the church at (763) 441-1203 if you have general questions. If you need immediate assistance outside of office hours, please email - [churchoffice@elkriverucc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elkriverucc.org).

**Pastoral Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency, an accident, or a death, please contact Patti Kubicka via text or call at 763-498-1196. You may also contact the church office though the response may take longer.

**Church Materials**

Copies of the Sunday sermon and bulletin are available in person or via Facebook, our website, and the UCC Squared Newsletter (email).

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**HOLDING IN PRAYER**

(Cards and calls are appreciated)

Please keep in your prayers our congregation members: Nancy Hassett, Musz Bailey, Jim Babcock, Bobbie Berg, Susan Olsen, Joanne Burdick, Ruby Cawthra, Jane Houlton, Marion Marcott, Cheryl Wold, Judy Halgren, Bailey Rosdahl, Jimmy Stevens, Dee & Jim Stevens (Jimmy's parents), Linda Fenton, Dave Halgren, Marv and Nancy Andersen, Laurie Lazaretti, and Jim Kopperud, Tony Rohs.

**Reminder:** Cards are available in the church office.

**Member Directory:**

The current online member directory is available on our website at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/elkriverucc/login>.

The password is case sensitive: BeTheChurch

**SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS**

Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person and

live via Facebook with  
Rev. Doug Federhart

Hospitality "Picnic in the Park"  
Orono Park, Elk River  
hosted by Congregational Life &  
Stewardship

Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022

5:00 p.m. Congregational Life

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne  
County Gov't center  
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, October 27, 2022

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Encore Ensembles  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

Sunday, October 30, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person and  
live via Facebook with  
Rev. Lindy Purdy

Hospitality hosted by Stewardship  
"Let's Taco-bout Stewardship"

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne  
County Gov't center  
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, November 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Encore Ensembles  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Friday, November 4, 2022

6:00 p.m. Girls Scouts

Save the date:

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
All Saints Sunday

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Council Meeting



