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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – Rally Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fusion Church

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character.” Billy Graham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Throughout the ages people have gathered to worship God and to be strengthened in faith by one another.

People: In the church we both minister and are ministered to: we come together to find comfort and guidance for our own lives, and we come together so that we may build a witness of love and grace in a troubled world.

Leader: Throughout the ages people have gathered to worship God and to be strengthened in faith by one another.

People: People have found many different ways to express the community of the church and we come here today reflecting the many and varied backgrounds of the church.

Leader: We are Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, and much else, and yet we are united as the Union University Church.

People: Today we re-dedicate this church as a place where our children may find a common witness to the love we know in Christ and where they may learn to serve God and others in his name.

* HYMN #580

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Leader: We are what God's grace has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, and so we, the members of the Union University church, commit ourselves to be a church where

People: people find the support, encouragement, and acceptance needed to live faithfully for Christ,

Leader: through worship, sharing, and the study of God's word we learn to integrate our faith into our daily lives,

People: our children develop integrity and moral courage through our teaching and example,

Leader: we are dedicated to caring for those in our community and throughout the world.

People: Through our diverse religious backgrounds we seek to experience the breadth of God

All: and through our unity to serve Christ always.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION by Larry Casey
We Begin our Centennial Year

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Deuteronomy 6:4-8
Dexter Time (Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

Special Music "Love the Lord" by *Lincoln Brewster*

Chorus: With all your heart, With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Children's Prayer
Lord's Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT
OFFERTORY
BLESSING AND AMEN

* **HYMN #384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:2-9; 33-3
SERMON

LITANY FOR CHURCH WORKERS

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God ,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of it.

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH WORKERS

*** HYMN**

“We Are Called to Be God's People”

Thomas A. Jackson

To the tune of # 731 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

We are called to be God's people,
showing by our lives God's grace,
one in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how God has changed us,
and remade us as God's own,
let us share our life together
as we shall around God's throne.

We are called to be Christ's servants,
working in God's world today;
taking Christ's own task upon us,
all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to Christ's summons,
dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfill,
that the world may know the blessing
of the doing of God's will.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Bob Kilpatrick*

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

People: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

*Following worship, Zoomers are invited to remain for a virtual coffee hour.
In person coffee hour in the King David Room*

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Dave Porter
Flowers.....Linell Soule
Coffee.....Mindy Smith
PianoPeter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host.....Lyle Slack

September 15, 12pm – Book Group
September 18, 3pm - David Meissner Memorial Service

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Lay Leader.....Tiersa Watson
Flowers.....Tiersa Watson
Coffee.....Sophie Luo
PianoPeter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host.....Lyle Slack

SEPTEMBER LEADERS

DeaconMaryBeth McDonough
ElderJohn Buckwalter
Fellowship.....TBD
Trustee..... Laurel Buckwalter & Denise Grandusky
BOCE..... TBD

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Wes Bentz, 4 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze’s niece), Michele Hluchy’s father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Tiersa Watson’s mother, Nolan Tormey, Angie Ninos, David Dubois, Ray Chambers

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for September is Habitat for Humanity. The Union University Church has been involved with the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate for more than 20 years. Many of our church members have participated in Habitat projects as well as serving in leadership roles.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every person should have a decent, safe, affordable place to live.

Please make checks out to the Union University Church and indicate “Habitat for Humanity” on the memo line.