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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Fusion Church**

*“I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit.” Charles de Lint*

**PRELUDE** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Welsh hymn tune arr by Don Wyrzten*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *from I Samuel 2*

Leader: My heart exults in the Lord;

**People: my strength is exalted in my God.**

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides our God;

**People: there is no Rock like our God.**

**HYMN #64** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

**Opening Scripture** I Chronicles 16:10-11

**Dexter Time** (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

**Children's Prayer**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Immortal, Invisible” Genie Meltzer, violin

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT**

**OFFERTORY** “What Wondrous Love Is This” *Southern harmony arr by Craig Phillips*

**DOXOLOGY & BLESSING**

**HYMN #662** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” (*vs 1-2, 4-5*)

**RESPONSIVE READING** Daniel 3

Leader: King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue and set it up on the plain of Dura in Babylon. When all of the people had assembled before it, the King's herald proclaimed: “When you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the lyre,

**People: the trigon, the harp, and the drum,**

Leader: You must fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown

**People: into a furnace of blazing fire.”**

Leader: Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, the lyre,

**People: the trigon, the harp, and the drum,**

Leader: all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, all, that is except for

**People: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**

Leader: Nebuchadnezzar’s officials reported this to the King who demanded that the three Jews be brought before him. He said to them, “I have heard that you refuse to worship the statue I have set up but I am going to give you a second chance. If when you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the lyre,

**People: the trigon, the harp, and the drum,**

Leader: you bow down and worship, well and good, but if not, you will be thrown

**People: into a furnace of blazing fire.”**

Leader: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, “We will not worship the statue for we worship God alone. If our God whom we serve is able to save us, well and good but if not,

**People: we will still not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”**

Leader: Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage and he ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and then ordered his guards to throw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

**People: into the furnace of blazing fire.**

Leader: The King ran to the window of the furnace to watch and to his amazement, he saw four men walking in the fire, and they were not hurt; and the fourth had the appearance of a god. He ordered his guards to open the door. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire, and they were unharmed,

**People: and not even the smell of fire came from them.**

Leader: Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him.” They disobeyed the king’s command and laid their bodies on the line rather than serve and worship any god

**People: except their own God.**

Leader: Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 3

## SERMON

### HYMN #517

“By Gracious Powers”

*Lyrics by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, who was imprisoned and executed in 1945 for his work in the anti-Nazi movement.*

**\* 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.....Tiersa Watson  
Flowers.....Lana Meissner  
Coffee.....Sophie Luo  
Piano .....Peter O'Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

Lay Leader.....Sophie Luo  
Flowers.....Joan Schulze  
Coffee.....Jan & Larry Casey  
Piano .....Peter O'Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter

**SEPTEMBER LEADERS**

Deacon.....MaryBeth McDonough  
Elder .....John 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.**

## **Add Your Name to the List of UUC Members:**

The Centennial Committee would like everyone to sign their name on the sheet of paper provided for that purpose in the King David Room. Those who have been at UUC for more than 25 years are asked to place a colored star next to their name. If you are unable to come in person you may send your signature to the church either by US mail or via email.

**Don't forget to return your RSVP for Laurie's Retirement Dinner by October 1.**

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# 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)  
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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## 662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, ye peo - ple  
 2. Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all  
 3. O for the liv - ing flame from his own  
 4. God is our strength and song, and his sal -  
 5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your

of his choice; stand up and bless the  
 bless - ing high, who would not fear his  
 al - tar brought, to touch our lips, our  
 va - tion ours; then be his love in  
 God a - dore; stand up and bless his

Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.  
 ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?  
 minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought!  
 Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.  
 glo - rious name, hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery (Neh. 9:5)  
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; adapt. by William Crotch, 1836

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OPENING OF WORSHIP, see further:

91 Canticle of Praise to God      579 Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here  
 478 Jaya Ho Jaya Ho

By Gracious Powers

1. By gra-cious powers so won-der-ful-ly shel-tered,  
 2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tor-ment-ed,  
 3. And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming  
 4. Yet when a-gain in this same world you give us

and con-fi-dent-ly wait-ing, come what may,  
 still e-vil days bring bur-dens hard to bear;  
 with bit-ter sor-row, hard to un-der-stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn-ing,  
 O give our fright-ened souls the sure sal-va-tion  
 we take it thank-ful-ly and with-out trem-bling,  
 we shall re-mem-ber all the days we lived through,

and nev-er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre-pare.  
 out of so good and so be-loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a-lone.

(♩ last time)

WORDS: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; trans. by Fred Pratt Green, 1972  
 MUSIC: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1904

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