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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas
ORDER OF WORSHIP

“And now,” cried Max, “let the wild rumpus start!”
From Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

PRELUDE
WELCOME

“O, Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr Hayes & Gaspard*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to once again celebrate the coming of Christ into our world;

People: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Leader: Like the shepherds and magi, we come from near and far to greet our Savior and praise God's name.

People: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Leader: All creation resounds with the promise of this sacred time: the mountains and hills burst into song and all the trees of the field clap their hands,

People: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Leader: May this Christmas season fill our hearts with joy and renew our hope with this good news:

People: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

*** HYMN #238**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Galatians 6:1-2

Cody Time (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Cody demonstrate the nature of the church)

Children's Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Rejoice and Be Merry”

Words and tune from an old Church Gallery Book, mid 18th century

Refrain: Who brought us salvation,

His praises we'll sing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
***DOXOLOGY & BLESSING**

arr Smith and Hustad

*** HYMN #237** "Sing We Now of Christmas" (*vs 1-3*)

RESPONSIVE READING Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: As God's chosen ones,

People: holy and beloved,

Leader: clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness,

People: and patience.

Leader: Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,

People: forgive each other;

Leader: just as the Lord has forgiven you,

People: so you also must forgive.

Leader: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together

People: in perfect harmony.

Leader: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

People: And be thankful.

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;

People: teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; Leader: and with gratitude in your hearts

People: sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Leader: And whatever you do,

People: in word or deed,

Leader: do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

People: giving thanks to God through him.

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 3:5-9
SERMON

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

We promise* to the best of our ability to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the welfare of the church; to regularly attend its services of worship; to contribute regularly, in keeping with our ability, to the expense of the church for the relief of the needy and for the spread of the Gospel.

We promise* to seek the religious education of our children and our own enlightenment; to walk uprightly; to be just in our dealings, and faithful in our engagements, to avoid unkind gossip, hatred or excessive anger.

We promise* to cultivate courtesy and Christian sympathy, to be slow to take offense and eager for reconciliation, to remember each other in prayer, to comfort and aid one another in sickness and distress.

We promise* that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a church in our new community.

*** HYMN** "The Community Church" *Samuel R. Scholes*
(see insert)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

People: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

J S Bach

* Please stand as you are able

Coffee will be available in the King David Room following worship

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Lyle Slack
Altar ArrangementLana Meissner
Coffee.....Sharon Burdick & Karrie Edwards
Piano.....Peter O’Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead

**Sunday, January 2 – Prayer Service
King David Room**

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey
Flowers.....TBD
Coffee.....Cindy Tucker
PianoPeter O’Connor

DECEMBER LEADERS

DeaconJan Casey
ElderEliza Ordway
Fellowship.....TBD
Trustee.....Walt Schulze
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, Angie Ninos, David Dubois, Ray Chambers, Kelly Snyder, Nolan

Tormey, friend of Leah Crosby: Mugoux Varra (brain cancer).

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Christmas Boxes

The UUC Board of Elders has selected the Christmas Boxes as Mission of the Month for December. If you wish to make a monetary contribution please make checks payable to UUC with Christmas Boxes on the memo line.


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