

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

April 26, 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength - carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.”

Corrie ten Boom

PRELUDE WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May those who come here today fallen and suffering,

People: find healing and peace.

Leader: May those who come here today lost and confused,

People: find direction and wisdom.

Leader: And may those who come here today in need of the assurance of things hoped for,

People: touch the love and holiness of this day and be filled with peace.

* **HYMN #147** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER *(using debts-debtors)*

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children’s Bell Choir

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Minister: *A prayer for the stillness of the soul*

God of the quiet night, of the peaceful dawn, of moments when all the world is still around me; I ask you to quiet my chattering mind so that I may listen to the words that you would speak to me. Still my soul. In your mercy, hear my prayer.

Lay Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

People: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Minister: *A prayer for wisdom*

You led Abraham and Sarah to the new land; you gave Moses guidance in the wilderness; you spoke to and through Jesus with wisdom. I forget sometimes that I don’t have to be self-sufficient but that you have promised to guide me even as you guided those before me. Grant me wisdom in my confusion and may my decisions be good ones and compassionate ones. In your mercy, hear my prayer.

Lay Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

People: for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

Minister: *A prayer for courage*

Whatever lies before me, God, strengthen my resolve so that I may meet the challenge. If today is an ordinary day, then may I be determined to do ordinary things well and with joy. And if today is a day that requires extraordinary fortitude, may I lean on the staff of your strength knowing that you will go forward to face this day and every day with me. Grant me courage. In your mercy, hear my prayer.

Lay Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Minister: *A prayer for peace*

In these troubled days, we all long for peace: peace among nations, peace in our communities and families, and peace for our own anxious hearts. Forgive us our sins against others that we may have the courage to forgive sins against us. Help us to seek your way of mercy and reconciliation with all people. May we dwell always in your spirit so that we may know the peace Christ brings. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lay Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Minister: *A prayer of thanksgiving*

In you I have my being, God. You shape my life, you lift my soul, and you give me hope for tomorrow. I offer always my deepest gratitude for your loving presence. In your Son’s name we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING

* **HYMN #472**

“Near to the Heart of God”

SCRIPTURE LESSON SERMON

Matthew 6:25-34

* **HYMN #508**

“Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom” *(verses 1, 4-5)*

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

We welcome you to worship this morning and hope you will join us for coffee across the street in the Church Center following the service, hosted by Joan & Brad Bowden.

Serving Today

Minister.....Rev. Laurie DeMott
Pianist.....Peter O'Connor
Organist.....Laurel Buckwalter
Greeters..... the Napolitano family
Lay Leader.....Nancy Evangelista
Flowers.....Cathy & Bob Rees
Usher.....Pete Finlay
Sunday School Teachers.....PreK-4, Shaune Henry;
5-7, Michele Hluchy; Youth, Kristen Buchholz

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, April 29 – 12pm Book Group

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Scheduled to Serve

Greeter.....Beverly Snyder
Lay LeaderLaurie McFadden
Communion (Pew).....Linell Soule (EOM),
Bob Condrate, Vern Burdick, John Buckwalter
Coffee Hour.....TBD
Usher.....John Meacham
Sunday School Teachers.....PreK-4, Shaune Henry;
5-7, Michele Hluchy; Youth, TBD

Pledge Deadline is April 30: Be sure to fill out your pledge cards and your “Time, Talents, & Service” forms. Extra copies of the stewardship letter, pledge cards, service forms, and offering envelopes are available on the desk in the foyer of the Church Center. Pledge cards go to Joan Bowden or may be placed in the designated container in the Church Center foyer. Service pledges may be left in the designated folder in Church Center foyer.



*The Union University Church
is a community of people
from diverse religious
backgrounds who seek to
experience the breadth of God
and through our unity to serve
Christ always.*

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Allegany Senior Foundation is a volunteer organization with a goal to identify the unique needs of seniors living in our county, to tap the resources of the population to meet those needs creatively, and to efficiently coordinate non-governmental efforts to enhance the lives of seniors. The Foundation is committed to making sure that Allegany County remains a wonderful place to grow up and to grow old.

Some of their projects have included:

- *MercyLine - Personal Emergency Response System
- *Support for home heating costs through a heating fund administered by Catholic Charities
- *Emergency beacon give-away organized through local fire departments
- * Installation of grab bars in seniors' homes
- * Meals-on-Wheels provided by the Office for the Aging
- * Senior cooking classes sponsored by Art for Rural America at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center.
- * Co-sponsorship of Aging Conferences held at Alfred State and Alfred University

Please ask the usher for a special envelope designated for the Mission of the Month. Checks should be made out to the Union University Church with the name of the mission on the memo line. If you are making a cash donation please put your name on the envelope if you wish to have it included in your year-end statement.

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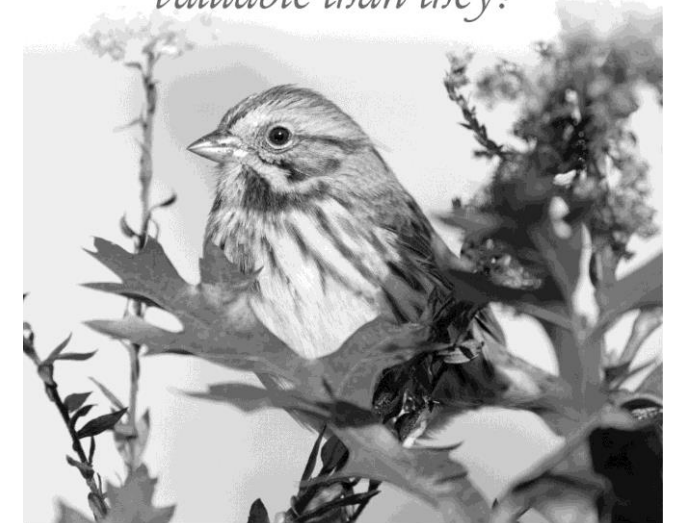
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*“Look at the birds of the air;
they do not sow or reap or store
away in barns, and yet your
heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much more
valuable than they?”*



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Union University Church

A Community Church

For

People of All Denominations

Alfred, New York

Services on Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Worshiping in the Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1922
Church Center at Main and Church Streets