

PLEASE NOTE: Zoom participation is not possible this Sunday because the signal in the Church Center is too weak.

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
RALLY DAY AGAPE BREAKFAST SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Teach me, Lord, how to be still. Like a Good Shepherd, lead me beside still waters. Quiet my soul. Bring order and calm to the chaos in my mind, so that I can spend time in quiet and joyful meditation with You.



May this be a time for silent reflection as we prepare ourselves for worship...

PRELUDE

“O Jesus Thou Art Standing”

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God as children...

All: **with wonder and awe.**

Leader: Let us worship God as youth...

All: **with questions and eager hearts.**

Leader: Let us worship God as adults...

All: **with gratitude and praise.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to God,

All: **and worship as one, united in Christ.**

HYMN Lord we bring to you our children *(to the tune of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)*

Lord, we bring to you our children on this festive, holy day;

Grant to them your benediction; grant to us your help, we pray.

Bless the children! Bless the parents! May they grow in Christ our Lord:

Joined in faith and loving service, in his Spirit and his Word.

Now may we in honest worship, in this glad and sacred hour,

Give ourselves in true commitment to your service and your power;

To the task of Christian nurture: teaching, training, leading still

In the way of Christ-like living till life’s purpose we fulfill.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:4-5; John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42, 44-47;

1 Corinthians 12:4-6,12-13

SONG

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” *(sing through together, then as a round)*

(1) Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice

(2) Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Rallying Points” *by Chuck Swindoll*

“Learning and Teaching” *by Rev. Harvey Brink*

GRACE

“Table Prayer for a Community Meal”

Leader: Come, with your faith and your doubts, with your hopes and your questions, with your joy and your sadness. You belong here.

Come, if you love God and have failed your neighbor, if you are a disciple of Jesus and have betrayed him, You belong here. Come, for this is the table of Jesus, who welcomes strangers and shares his life with old and new friends.

All: We belong here.

Leader: This meal is filled with life:

All: the warmth of the sun, the kindness of the rain, the mysteries of the soil, and the grace of human labor.

Leader: As we eat and drink, we give thanks:

All: for the goodness of good, the delight of friendship, and the love of Christ in this meal.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, feast with your people.

All: Amen.

WE SHARE THE MEAL

A GIFT OF MUSIC

“Lord, Be Glorified” *Candy Zhou, violin*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the table

Partaking of the bread (muffins) and cup (grape juice)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

from the Iona Community

HYMN

The Community Church

by Samuel Scholes (see bulletin insert)

BENEDICTION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

May the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,

Now and always, Amen.

UNISON BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

POSTLUDE

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

Serving Today

Lay Leader John Buckwalter
Flowers Communion
Greeter(s) Brian Deck
Coffee Hour Rally Day
Piano Laurel Buckwalter
Violin Candy Zhou
Usher..... Deb Stephens

Looking Ahead

September 17, 2023

Guest Preachers Ken Williams
Lay Leader Sharon B. Smith
Flowers Mary-Lou Cartledge
Greeter(s) Lana Meissner
Coffee Hour Linell Soule & Bill Sortore
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O’Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
Usher Deb Stephens
Zoom Hosts..... Tech Team

In the interest of clarity and accuracy we ask that you write new prayer concerns and announcements in the notebooks provided at the back of the sanctuary.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

The Watson family; the Chambers family

Note: Please be sure that people wish to be included on our prayer list before adding their names. Long-term Prayer Concerns will continue to be listed in This Week @ UUC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Memorial Service for Ray Chambers:** Saturday September 16, at 1 pm at the Church.
- **Maui Fire Relief and Habitat for Humanity:** A special offering will be collected throughout September to help the victims of the Maui fire. Make out checks to UUC and write “Maui” on the memo line.



Mission of the Month

Habitat for Humanity

The Union University Church has supported our local Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate for more than 20 years through our benevolence giving. Many of our church members have participated in Habitat projects as well as serving in leadership roles. Please consider giving generously to Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity. All checks should be made out to the Union University Church with the name of the Mission on the memo line of the check.

SEPTEMBER LEADERS

Deacon Regina Burke
Elder John Buckwalter
Fellowship..... Cindy Tucker
Trustee Jim Ninos
BOCETBD

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