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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 29, 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

“Prelude & Fugue in A Minor” *J. S. Bach*

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by Beth Merrill Neel, used with permission)

Leader: The voice of God gathers us this day;

All: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

Leader: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

All: With acts mighty and faltering,

Leader: With kindness and with selfishness,

All: With doubt and with faith:

Leader: So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

All: May we worship well this day.

***HYMN #97**

For the Fruits of This Creation

SHARING OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

* GLORIA PATRI #71

RESPONSIVE READING

(adapted from SmallGroups.com)

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take what I offer you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my way is easy and my burden is light.

All: I will come in my weariness. I will come with my faults, my failures and my futility. I will come when I can't take another step in the right direction.

Leader: Yes, come, and I will give you rest.

All: When I am fed up with life and tired of trying to be good ... I will come. I will come, Lord, and find my rest in You. When my life looks hopeless and my heart can weep no more, I will come.

Leader: And I will give you rest.

All: When I feel mocked and misunderstood, I will come to You. When I feel ashamed and alone, I will come to You.

Leader: Then I will give you rest. For you see if you will only stop, sit and be with me awhile, you will find life again.

All: Can you show me how to rest in You?

Leader: Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

All: Can I do it Lord? Will it be hard?

Leader: I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and with a light heart.

All: We are tired Lord and worn down.

Leader: Well then, come to Me and I will give you rest.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Thy Word is a Lamp” *Amy Grant*

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

“O Rest in the Lord”

From “Elijah,” by Felix Mendelssohn; arr. Martha Setchell

*DOXOLOGY #95 & BLESSING

*HYMN #358

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:7-30

SERMON

The Secret of the Easy Yoke

*CLOSING HYMN

Come to Me

*BENEDICTION

***UNISON BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *(sung)*

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

“Closer Walk With Thee”

Serving Today

Guest Preacher Rev. Michael Jordan
 Lay Leader Deb Stephens
 Flowers Cathy Rees
 Greeter(s) Barb Willis
 Coffee Hour Cindy Tucker
 Organ Laurel Buckwalter
 Piano Peter O'Connor
 Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
 Usher.....John Meacham
 Zoom Hosts Tech Team

Looking Ahead

November 5, Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher Rev. Michael Jordan
 Lay Leader Heather Meacham
 Flowers Communion
 Greeter(s) Cindy Tucker
 Coffee Hour Sharon Burdick
 Organ Laurel Buckwalter
 Piano Peter O'Connor
 Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
 Usher TBD
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Reminders

- Nutrition Site Monday Oct. 30, Tuesday Oct. 31, & Thursday Nov. 2 at 11:30 am.
- Boy Scouts Tuesday Oct. 31 at 6 pm.
- Knit Night Thursday Nov. 2 at 6 pm
- AA Meeting Friday Nov. 3 at 7 pm

Youth Breakfast Sundays: Program starts with breakfast at 9:30 and includes interactive lessons and group activities before worship as well as participation in worship. **Upcoming dates: November 19 and December 17.**

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

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

It's Christmas Box Time: We are busily preparing for our **2023 Christmas Box program**. There are many families still in need of a sponsor, so if you could help out, that would be great!

All Saints Day: Next Sunday we will light candles in memory of those church members who have died this year. In addition, we will have a bulletin insert with the names of friends and loved ones we wish to have remembered. Please email names to the church uucalfred@gmail.com by Wednesday November 1.

David DuBois Memorial Service & Reception: A celebration of our beloved friend Saturday November 11 at 1:00 pm

October Mission of the Month: Allegany Senior Foundation

The Allegany Senior Foundation is a non-profit volunteer organization providing support to help meet the needs of senior citizens in the county and to tap the resources of the population to meet those needs.

Coins for Kids: Once again this year we will collect coins for kids in support of UNICEF. Collection jars are available in the sanctuary and in the Church Center throughout October.

Journey's End Refugee Services in Buffalo is expecting an influx of refugees and asylum seekers. This organization will be our Mission of the Month for November; they have an immediate need for new or nearly new washed blankets in excellent condition, new twin and full sheet sets, and new comforters. The Elders are giving you early notice of these needs so that you can take advantage of any sales you may find before November.



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.

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For the Fruits of This Creation

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1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow-ing, sow - ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 in our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
 for the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970
 MUSIC: Francis Jackson, 1957

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Alt. tune: AR HYD Y NOS

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 358

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

WORDS: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

REST
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157 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

FROM THE DEPTHS 8.7.8.7

Em B7 Em

1 Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler;
 2 Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y;
 3 Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles;
 4 Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler;

B7 Em

come to me with your dis - tress;
 do not fear, my bur - den's light;
 take my yoke and come with me.
 rest in me and do not fear.

E optional descant Am D G

come to me, you heav - y bur - dened;
 do not fear the path be - fore you;
 take my yoke, I am be - side you;
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle;

B7 Em B7 1 Em 2 Em

come to me and find your rest; rest.
 do not run from me in fright; fright.
 take and learn hu - mil - i - ty; ty.
 rest and cast a - way your care. care.