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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

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

“Hymn of Freedom” *Oscar Peterson*

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious, how fragile, how short is life!

All: Our lives are but a breath.

Leader: The Divine brings us into being,

All: weaves our lives together,

Leader: and ushers us into eternal rest. Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and holy are these tasks:

All: to be alive, to pay attention, to honor the fleeting with awe and care.

***HYMN #632**

Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

UNISON PRAYER

Love is the doctrine of this Church, the quest for truth a sacrament, and service is our prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve all people in fellowship, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine - Thus do we covenant with each other.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Instrument of Your Peace”
Based on a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, music by Tony Alonso

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in support of the ministry and mission of UUC in the designated offering plate as you enter or leave the Sanctuary. Online donations can be made using Tithe.ly See the UUC webpage for details.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

***DOXOLOGY #95 & BLESSING**

***HYMN #534**

Be Still, My Soul

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9: 8-15

SERMON

Community as Covenant and Covenant as Community

Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza

***CLOSING HYMN #451**

Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

***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

“We Shall Overcome” *Pete Seeger*

Serving Today
January 14, 2024

Lay Leader Deb Stephens
Flowers Deb Stephens
Greeter(s) Joe Dosch & Nancy Evangelista
Coffee Hour Catherine Chambers
Piano Peter O’Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder

Usher Jan Porter
Zoom Host Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead
January 21, 2024

Lay Leader Nancy Evangelista
Flowers Heather Meacham
Greeter(s) UUC Youth Group
Coffee Hour Mary Beth McDonough
Piano Peter O'Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
Usher Jan Porter
Zoom Host Jim Ninos

Reminders

- No Nutrition Site on Monday Jan. 15 (MLK Day)
- AAUW Program Thursday January 18 at 6 pm

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Vangelia Perryman, David Porter (Dave and Jan's nephew), Rodney Wilcox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregation is Invited to the Genesee Valley

Habitat for Humanity's dedication of the completion of the Bolivar house on **Saturday January 20, 2024** at 10:00 a.m.

It is on Olean St. just over a block from the middle/high school toward the business district on the right just past Davis St.

Party for Jenella: There will be a goodbye party at the Church Center for Jenella Bellows on **January 21** after church services.



Mission of the Month

Choose Your Own Benevolence

The Board of Elders has designated January as “**Give to the Charity of Your Choice**” month. Please take this opportunity to consider an organization that works on issues important to you and make a donation to that group. We’d love to hear people’s choices so send us an email to let us know about the organization you have chosen to support.

JANUARY LEADERS

DeaconKarrie Edwards
Elder Rick Stephens
Fellowship Cindy Tucker
Trustee Walter Schulze
BOCETBD



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We welcome people of all races, sexual orientation, gender identity, and background into the full life of our church as we fully embrace the belief that every person is made in the image of God.

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The Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 632

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in thy name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
 ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

thou art in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup: Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may true dis - ci - ples be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931 (Mt. 18:20)
 MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

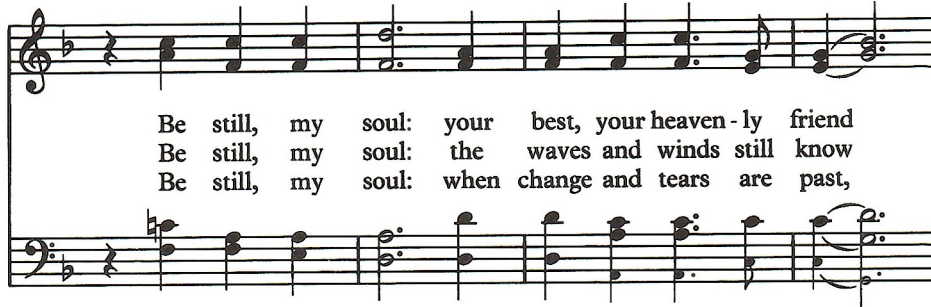
in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

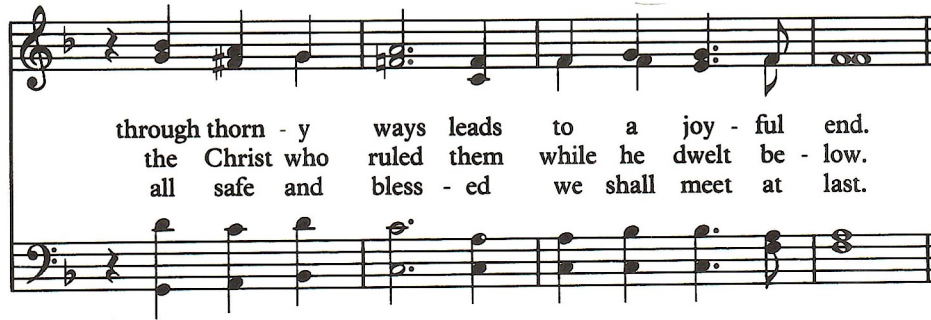
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STRENGTH IN TRIBULATION



Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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