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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday
March 3, 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.



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

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

PRELUDE

“This Little Light of Mine” *Afro-American spiritual*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All who are wandering,

All: come to the water

Leader: All who are thirsty,

All: come and drink deeply

Leader: All who are weary,

All: come and find mercy

Leader: Jesus calls to us,

All: come abide in Love

***HYMN #297**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER *(sung)*

GIFT OF MUSIC

“I Saw the Light” *Hank Williams*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

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

“America, a Beacon of Light Around the World”

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY & BLESSING

Praise God throughout these forty days

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise

And Praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

*HYMN #288, vss 1-3

Were You There

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

SERMON

Living Lent: The Cross as a Stake

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, as you are able. If you are seated on the pulpit side of the sanctuary, please process down to receive the bread and the cup and return to your seat using the center aisle. Do not pass in front of the cameras. If you are seated on the lectern side of the sanctuary, please process forward and return to your seat using the outside aisle to the left.

Words of Institution

Prayer over the bread and cup

Passing of the bread and cup

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of mystery and wonder, at this and every table you dissolve the distance between the ordinary and the holy; you break the barrier separating the common and the sacred. We thank you for this thin place, this holy space, this well of grace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

We your people sing your praises, As together we are sent, To reveal your new creation, In the shadows of lament. Give us courage for the journey; Shepherd Jesus be our guide. Help us lead with hope and passion; Till all things are reconciled.

POSTLUDE

“I’m Beginning to See the Light”

Serving Today

Lay Leader Rick Stephens
Flowers Communion
Greeter(s) Deb Stephens
Coffee Hour Anna McHale
Piano Peter O’Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos, Apriel Biggs

Looking Ahead

March 10, 2024

Fourth Week of Lent

Lay Leader Heather Meacham
Flowers Lent
Greeter(s) Jerry & Mary-Lou Cartledge
Coffee Hour Joe Fasano & Bob Heineman
Piano Peter O’Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Host Jim Ninos, Apriel Biggs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Hymnals: The Board of Elders is pleased to announce that we have selected a new hymnal! We will begin using our new hymnals on **Easter Sunday**.

New Fitness Program: *Sit and Be Fit* is a hit! Meet with us next Thursday March 7 at 11:30 am in the King David Room and feel the magic.

Thinking Ahead: If you would like to contribute an Easter plant in memory of a loved one for our Easter Sunday service please notify the Church Office by 12 noon on March 27 so that names can be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Plants should be brought to the Church Center on

Thursday or Friday, March 28 or 29, or to the Sanctuary on Saturday March 30 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lana Meissner if you have questions 607.661.5159.

Vote on Lenten Project Choices! It's time to vote for your top 3 choices for our Lenten Project giving. You will note that we have added 3 new options this year: garden seeds/saplings, and 2 water projects. There are 3 ways in which you can vote:

1. Via email uucalfred@gmail.com
2. Via an online poll <https://forms.gle/YZXAS3DZAMZqk1W47>
3. Via paper bulletin insert, which you will see in upcoming weeks.



Mission of the Month

Heifer International

In addition to being our **Lenten Project**, Heifer International is also the benevolence for March. All donations to UUC with Heifer International on the memo line will go toward “purchasing” animals through this program. See the **Fill the Ark** display at the Church Center for more information! There is also a story on HI in the March newsletter.



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.

We honor the image of God in all persons and seek to recognize the distinct and particular ways we each come to be human through relations with

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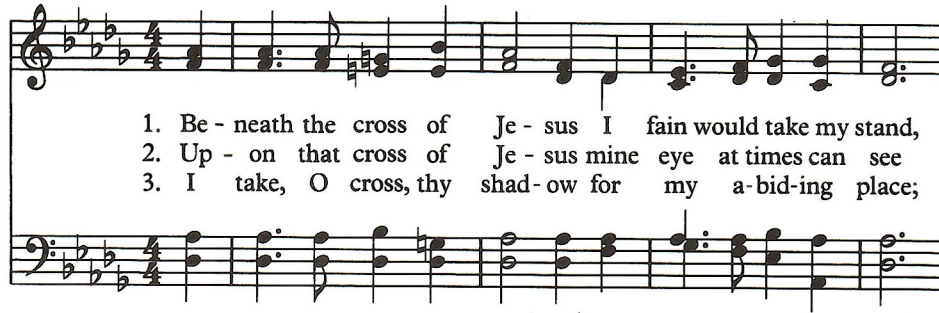
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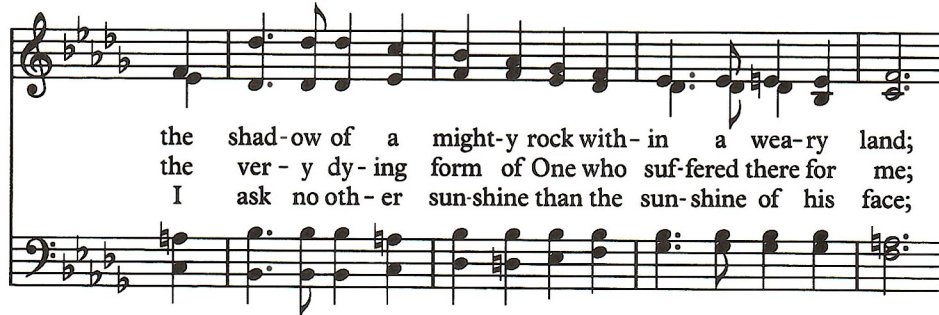
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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

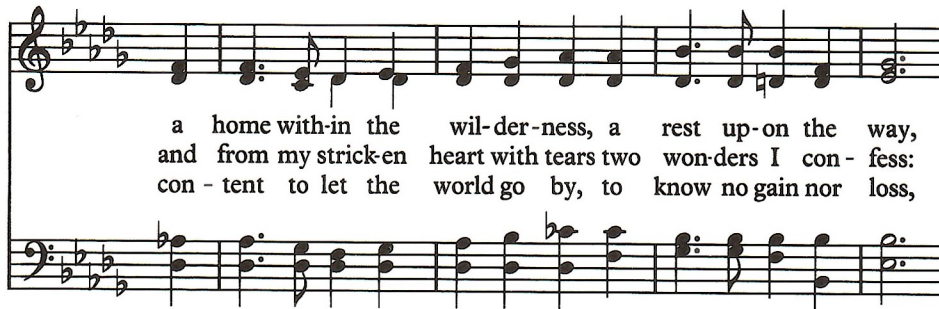
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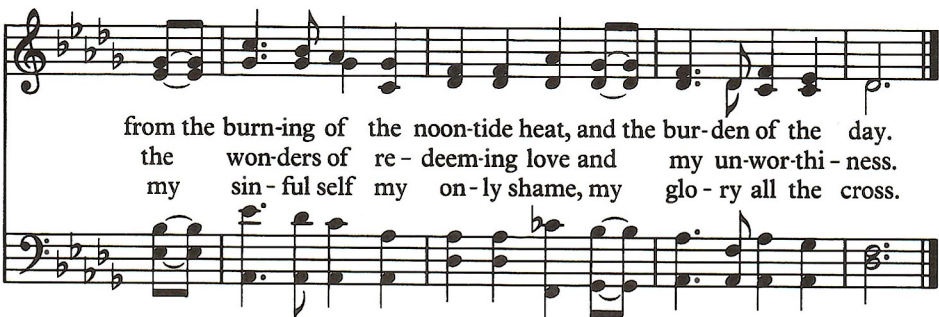
1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

WORDS: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1881

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Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

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Refrain

there) Oh! some-times it caus - es

me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

WERE YOU THERE
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PASSION AND DEATH

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you there)
there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you there)
there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F C F Gm/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

5 F B \flat /F F C/B \flat F/A C⁷/G F C

on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 that were an of - fering far too small;

9 F C F G/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

United Methodist Hymnal 298

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)

MUSIC (HAMBURG LM): Lowell Mason, 1824

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

13 F C Dm Gm⁷/B \flat Am/C C⁷ F

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.