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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 10, 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

“I Went Down to the River to Pray”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Midwifing Spirit, you are tenacious and tender enough to hold the complexity of life in your embrace—

All: Fragility and fortitude, life and death, undoing and becoming, fear and courage, movement and rest.

Leader: You are with us where we are.

All: Thanks be to the Midwifing Spirit who is encouraging and wise,

Leader: who breathes with us in our vulnerability and strength.

*HYMN #452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

UNISON PRAYER

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Sing My Brother” *Peter O’Connor*

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

“Devotion” *Peter O’Connor*

***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 #420**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21 *(p. 924 in pew Bible)*

SERMON

Living Lent: On Being Born Again

Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza

***CLOSING HYMN #465**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

***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

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

Serving Today
March 10, 2024

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 Hosts Jim Ninos, Apriel Biggs

Looking Ahead
March 17, 2024
Fifth Week of Lent

Lay Leader Nancy Evangelista
Flowers Lent
Greeter(s) Bob Heineman
Coffee Hour Dale & Tiersa Watson
Piano Peter O'Connor
Hymn Leader Beverly Snyder
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos, Apriel Biggs

Reminders

- Board of Elders Meeting Tuesday March 12 at 7 pm
- Sit & Be Fit Thursday March 14 at 10:30 am
- Book Group Thursday March 14 at 3:30 pm
- Advisory Comm. Mtg Thursday March 14 at 4:30 pm
- AAUW Program (KDR) on Thursday March 14 at 6 pm



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Action: Our March 25–29 Week of Action is coming up fast. There are two important things you can do to get ready:

- Sign up to attend Peace School. The dates are Wed., March 6 (8 pm ET / 5 pm PT), Tue., March 12 (8 pm ET / 5 pm PT), and Wed., March 13 (8 pm ET / 5 pm PT). Click on each link to register to attend.
- Check out our March Week of Action Toolkit.

This is the link: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/>.

Easter Memorials: 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 the UUC website (unionuniversitychurch.org), front page, Lenten Project 2024
3. Via paper bulletin insert, which you will see in upcoming weeks.

MARCH LEADERS

Deacon	Mary Beth McDonough
Elder	Mary-Lou Cartledge
Fellowship	Cindy Tucker
Trustee	Anna McHale
BOCE	TBD



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

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The Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza

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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire! As thou hast
 round me spread, be thou my guide; bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior,

while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to thee
 turn to day, wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then in love, fear and dis - trust re - move;

O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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The musical score is written for a four-part vocal setting. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains four numbered verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, dawn up -
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, glow with -
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, fill and
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di - vine, King with -

on this soul of mine; Word of God and
 in this heart of mine; kin - dle ev - ery
 nerve this will of mine; grant that I may
 in my con - science reign; be my Lord, and

in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 high de - sire; per - ish self in thy pure fire.
 strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.