Link for Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 943 2792 1872

Password: 023012

To connect by phone, call (646)558-8656

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Those joining us for worship on Zoom can present their tithes and offerings online through our website or by downloading the <u>Tithe.ly App</u> for your iPhone or Android device.

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 Breath 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
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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 <u>Heifer International</u> 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

<u>Week of Action</u>: 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/.

<u>Easter Memorials</u>: 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.

<u>Vote on Lenten Project Choices!</u> 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 <u>uucalfred@gmail.com</u>
- 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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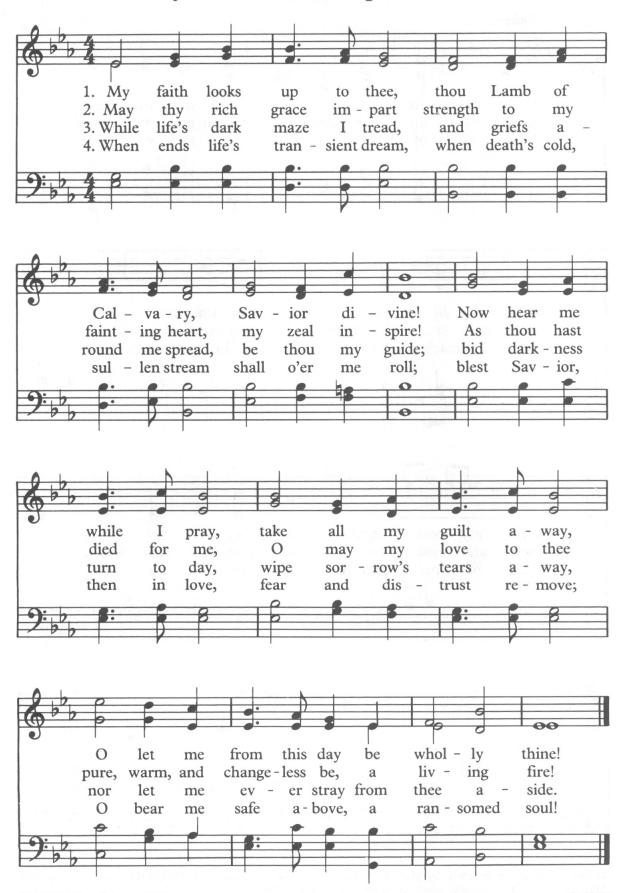
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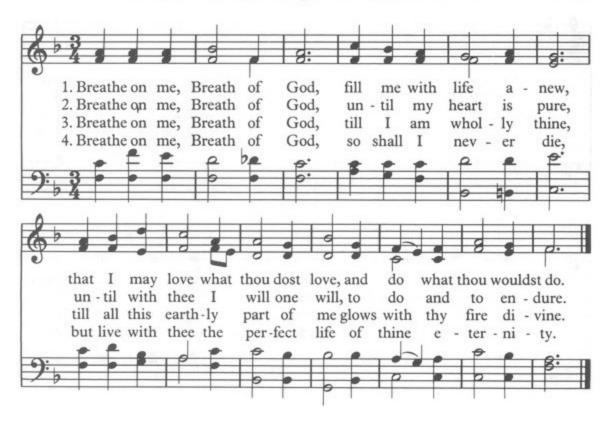
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WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1875 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831 OLIVET 664.6664

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)

MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM SM



WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, 1864 MUSIC: Adapt. from Orlando Gibbons, 1623