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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday
May 5, 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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther, arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Love of God is groundwater, oxygen—

All: Around us, within us, beyond us.

Leader: The Love of God is disruptive, subversive—

All: tangled with the heartbreak of the world.

Leader: The Love of God is spacious, expansive—

**All: wilder than the categories we’ve constructed to try
and tame creation.**

Leader: Come, the Love of God wells up—ever present, liberating,

All: washing away our narrow imaginations.

***HYMN #42**

Could It Be That God Is Singing?

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER *(debts-debtors) (sung, see inside back cover of hymnal)*

GIFT OF MUSIC

Beth Keefer, soprano

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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.

OFFERTORY “Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me” *Daniel Iverson, arr. Lani Smith*

*DOXOLOGY #71A & BLESSING

Praise God, the source of life and birth.
Praise God, the Word who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.
All glory, honor to God’s name.

*HYMN #376

Oh Holy Spirit, Root of Life

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

ORGAN MEDITATION

“Andantino” *Cesar Franck*

SERMON

Being on the way Choreographing our Pilgrimage *Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza*

*HYMN #39

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Words of Institution
Prayer over the Bread and Cup
Passing of the Bread and Cup

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint’s witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken

bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom.

At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN #396**

May You Be Rooted and Grounded

***BENEDICTION**

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

Peace, salaam, shalom; Peace, salaam, shalom;

Peace, salaam, shalom; Peace, salaam, shalom

POSTLUDE

“Down By the Riverside”

Serving Today

May 5, 2024

Lay Leader Deb Stephens
Flowers Communion
Greeter(s) Bob & Cathy Rees
Coffee Hour Karrie Edwards & Jim Ninos
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
Song Leader Luanne Crosby
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Apriel Biggs, John Buckwalter, Jim Ninos

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, 5 yr. old Lowin, Bev Potter, Brian & Tammy Matteson, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Corrie Burdick, Vangelia Perryman, Mary Evangelista, Esther Epps, Jin Wilson, Kenneth Williams, Lee Richie, Sandy Hackett's Family, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bird & Leo

Reminders (Items that do not occur weekly)

- Farmers' Market Meeting Sunday May 5 at 1:30 pm
- Diaconate Meeting Tuesday May 7 at 5 pm



Mission of the Month

Hart Comfort House

The Comfort House of Allegany County, also known as Hart Comfort House, located in Wellsville NY, is a not-for-profit corporation providing free hospice care for people in their last 3 months of life, and support for those peoples' families.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Phyllis “Chickie” Herrick passed away February 29 in Myrtle Beach, SC. (Notice is courtesy of S. Bryant)

MAY LEADERS

Deacon Regina Burke
Elder Heather Meacham
Fellowship Cindy Tucker
Trustee Michele Hluchy
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

42 Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -
 2 Have you car - ried heav - y si - lence, have you let old sor - rows
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur - pris - ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing
 win, or pro - claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sist - ance to in -

E/B E B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

musical score for a hymn in E major, 4/4 time. The score consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: "jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak-ing all God's chil-dren whole! bun-dant streams of liv - ing, wait-ing for us to come near. mu - sic is God breath-ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!" The chords are: E/B, C#m, E/B, E.



376 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

HILDEGARD LM

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Root of life, Cre - a - tor,
 2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us
 3 O Ho - ly Wis - dom, Mov - ing Force, en - com - pass

(Hum)

Cleans - er of all things, a - noint our wounds, a -
 by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 circl - ing all, a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: based on the writings of Hildegard of Bingen (present-day Germany), 12th c.; Jean Janzen (USA), © 1991 Jean Wiebe Janzen
 Music: Anneli Loepp Thiessen (Canada), © 2019 Anneli Loepp Thiessen

39 As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

SPIRIT, FILL US 8.7.8.7 with refrain

D Am D Am7 I D Am7 D

1 As we rise, O God, to meet you,
 2 As we gath - er, God, to - geth - er,
 3 As we lin - ger at your ta - ble,
 4 As we learn, O God, to love you,
 5 As we go, O God, to serve you,

II

C D Am7 Gadd9 G D Am7

as we o - pen wide our eyes, like the sun that
 as each tongue here learns to sing, like the birds that
 as we eat this com - mon bread, like the seed both
 as we lis - ten for your voice, like the dust from
 as we o - pen wide our hands, like the wind that

D C D Am7 D

fills the morn - ing, fill our bod - ies with your light.
 fill the for - ests, fill our bod - ies with your song.
 sown and scat - tered, fill our bod - ies with new life.
 which you made us, fill our bod - ies with your breath.
 moves the wa - ters, spread your peace to ev - 'ry land.

Refrain D2 Am7 Bbadd9 Cadd9

We are emp - ty, Spir - it, fill us. God, we o - pen up our

D Am D Am7 D2

lives.



396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded

ROOTED AND GROUNDED Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♩³♩

Capo 3: (E5)
G5

Refrain

(A m)

C m

(F)

A♭

(A m)

C m



May you be root-ed and ground - ed in love,



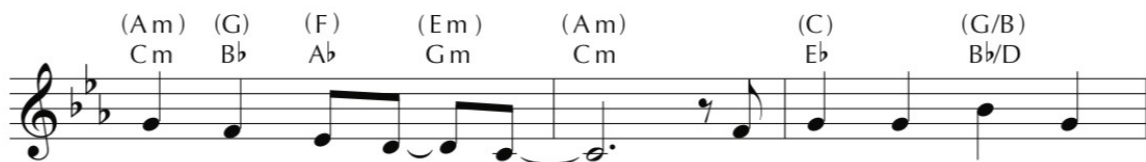
strength-ened in the Spir - it through faith, to know the height and



depth and length and breadth of God's un-der-stand-ing and grace.



1 Paul said we're all one bod - y, though
2 Let all you do be done in love, and
3 So when you feel like wor - ry - ing, turn



each has dif - f'rent gifts, each giv - en for the
o - pen your heart wide. If you live by the
ev - 'ry - thing to prayer, and God will search your



com - mon good; to - geth - er we are lift - ed up, and
Spir - it, let the Spir - it be your guide, and keep you
heart and soul, and hope will find you there. You will be

Text: based on Ephesians 3:17-18, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 16:14, Galatians 5:25, Philippians 4:6; Lisa Hubbell (USA), rev. 2019

Music: Lisa Hubbell, acc. Morgan Kusmer (USA)

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