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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Youth & Senior Recognition Sunday
June 23, 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 Rondeau *Jean-Joseph Mouret arr David Hegarty*
Theme from “Masterpiece Theater” celebrating our seniors as masterpieces

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You are invited into the Way

People: We feel the Spirit’s call toward the Gospel of peace and justice

Leader: The Way is what is True, Good, and Beautiful.

People: Sometimes we wander in our attempt to follow the Way.

Leader: The Way is full of transitions.

People: We will nurture each other as we steward the changes and transitions.

All: May we forward the transformation of this place and our community in the Way.

*** HYMN #6**

Let’s Walk Together

**YOUTH RECOGNITION
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*** HYMN #508 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC “Teach Your Children” *Graham Nash*
Amie Action, Erin Law, John Buckwalter, vocals
Candy Zhou, violin; Bev Snyder, guitar; Peter O’Connor, bass

UNISON PRAYER

All that you touch You Change.
All that you Change Changes you.
The only lasting truth is Change.
God is Change.

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 “I Speak for the Earth” *by Gwyneth Walker*
Luanne Crosby, soprano, Candy Zhou, violin

*** 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.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 33:14 NRSV

ORGAN MEDITATION

SERMON *Transition & the Pace of Children* *Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza*

*** CLOSING HYMN # 396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #805** *(sung)*
Peace, salaam, shalom; Peace, salaam, shalom;
Peace, salaam, shalom; Peace, salaam, shalom

POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

***Please stand as you are able.**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Church Center following worship.

Serving Today

Lay Leader Deb Stephens
Flowers Deb Stephens
Greeter(s) Mindy Smith
Coffee Hour Fellowship Board
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O’Connor
Usher Bob Heineman
Zoom Hosts Apriel Biggs, John Buckwalter, Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead

June 30

Lay Leader Caiti Dewey
Flowers TBD
Greeter(s) Shaune Henry
Coffee Hour Regina Burke
Piano Peter O’Connor
Usher Bob Heineman
Zoom Hosts Apriel Biggs, John Buckwalter, Jim Ninos

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ding Jiaxi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Bev Potter, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Corrie Burdick, Vangelia Perryman, Mary Evangelista, Esther Epps, Jin Wilson, Kenneth Williams, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bird, Leo, Steve Crandall, Bob Condrate,



Mission of the Month

Equal Justice Initiative

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Prayer Breakfast will be celebrated on August 4 this year. Details will follow as the date draws closer!

JUNE LEADERS

Deacon Mary Beth McDonough
Elder John Buckwalter
Fellowship Cindy Tucker
Trustee Laurel Buckwalter
BOCE TBD



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 unique ways we each come to be human through relations with others.

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**Union University Church Senior Recognition
Remarks about Candy Zhou and Sam McCormick**

June 23, 2024

Lillie: Members of our church submitted inspirational words or memories to be shared with the seniors of our church family. We, the youth, will take turns sharing these incredible remarks. Beverly Snyder wanted to share with both of you, one of her favorite scripture verses- James 1:22, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves." Within the book of James, he continues to describe what the life of genuine, trusting and saving faith looks like. James makes it clear that those who trust God don't merely become experts at listening to God's Word but rather acting on what we hear. We all hope that your life is filled with moments that are filled with acting in God's reflection.

Isabel: Laurel Buckwalter shared that it has been a joy watching Candy grow up and that the church has benefited and greatly appreciated the sharing of your musical talents. To see you blossom on stage at the musical performances at Alfred Almond when playing Lucy in the Charlie Brown play and Ariel in The Little Mermaid. Laurel will miss seeing your great smile and sweet personality on a regular basis and hope that you will be back from college to visit often!

Jackson: Jan Porter wants to honor and remember Sam's independence and creativity. Jan remembers breakfasts with her as part of youth Sundays and you volunteering for the pancake supper. Sam served many pancakes and ham with friendliness and grace. Jan is glad you will still be a part of our community as a student at Alfred State.

Cuhlyn: Mary Lou and Jerry Cartledge cannot believe Candy is graduating from Alfred Almond already! They have enjoyed your music on the violin so very much over the years when you would play in church. They think you are a very talented violinist and will miss hearing your music regularly.

Lillie: Dave Porter wants to share what a pleasure it was to work with Sam on the Pastoral search committee. You provided insight from a youth's perspective which was beneficial in selecting Pastor Roberto to lead our church. Dave's hope for your future is that you continue to become involved in helping others and organizations beyond high school and college.

Isabel: Jan Porter wants to honor and remember Candy for your humility, good humor, and willingness to serve in Christmas services. And, just as importantly, Jan has been very thankful for your musical offerings to all of us at UUC church services. We recognize Candy's talent and are grateful for you sharing it with us. We join her family in hoping for college success and blessings.

Jackson: The Bellows Family wanted to share with Sam that people that move ahead in life exude talent with enthusiasm just like you do! Congratulations on your graduation and for discovering math can be your friend! Warmest wishes on your new adventure!

Cuhlyn: Dave Porter has enjoyed Candy's splendid violin playing during church services. You are a talented young lady! Dave's hope is that she continues to share her wonderful music beyond high school and college!

Lillie: Laurel Buckwalter shared that Sam's personality captures a quiet strength

Isabel: Sally Hopkins wanted to share Candy's wonderful community recognition as she has performed the leads in the last three musical plays at Alfred Almond, played violin with the Alfred University orchestra for the least several years and even preformed a solo in the Spring! Candy is the co-salutatorian of her graduation class!

Jackson & Cuhlyn: Jackson reads the introduction of this and then him and Cuhlyn take turns doing the letters of the alphabet:

Sam – your family wants to recognize how much you have embraced life challenges and excelled in the process. You have a spirit like no other and it has unfolded like no other! They are so proud of you for all the challenges you have overcome to grow into the beautiful human you are today. Keep growing! To sum it up here is the ABC's including a descriptive word for your character

Amazing
Beautiful
Compassionate
Determined
Empathetic
Friendly
Genuine
Humerous
Inspirational
Jokester
Kind
Loyal
Marvelous
Nova lover
Original
Perseverant
Quick-witted
Radiant
Samita
Treasured
Unique
Vivacious
Willful
Xenas
Yielder
Zealous

Lillie: Mary Beth shared that you, Candy, are amazingly talented and loved by all—adults and peers alike. We, as a congregation, have been blessed and fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear you perform many times. Mary Beth admires the relationship you have with your mother and loves to see the love they emanate for each other!

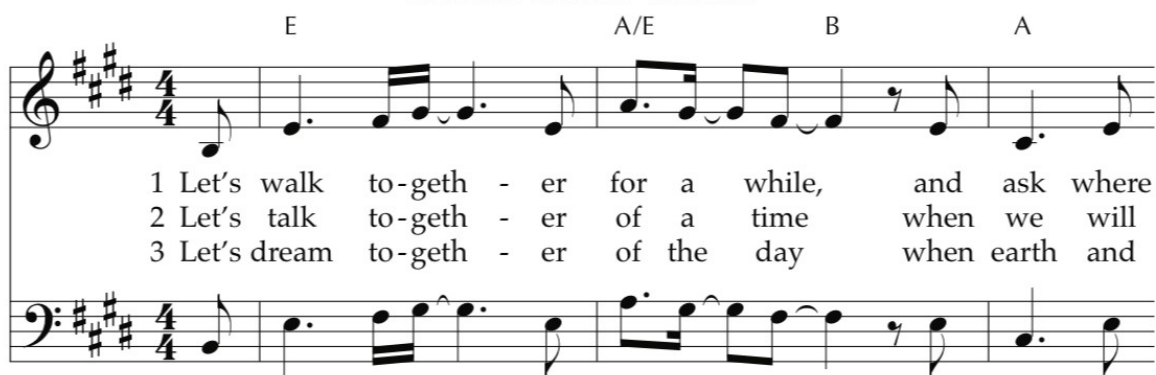
Isabel: Invite Rich Hoffman to the podium to share words about Sam

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Let's Walk Together

WELCOME 8.6.8.6.7.7 with refrain

E A/E B A



1 Let's walk to- geth - er for a while, and ask where
 2 Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when we will
 3 Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E



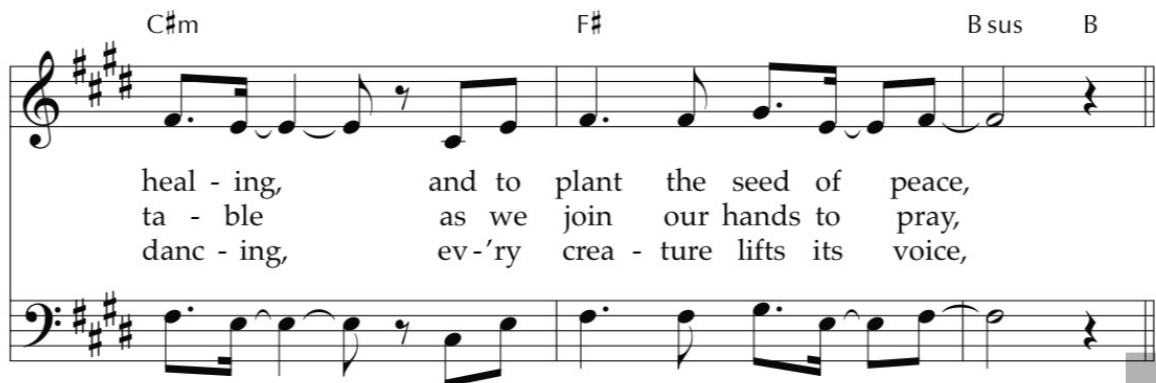
we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,
 share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
 heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D



and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of
 the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
 the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B sus B



heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
 danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,



Refrain

B/D# E A B

sing-ing wel - come, wel-come to this place. You're in -

B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

F#m A E (☺) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(☺) Last time

508 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

G C D C

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre -
 2 Child of joy, our dear - est treas - ure, God's you
 3 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

Em G A D B7 Em D7

a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

G D G Dsus D7 G

spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you, bless - ing you in Je - sus' name.
 wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded

ROOTED AND GROUNDED Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♩³♩

Capo 3: (E5)
G5

Refrain

(A m)
C m

(F)
A b

(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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