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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP June 30, 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

“Days of Grace” *Peter O'Connor*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Subversive Power of the Sacred

All: laughs **Her way out of dusty systems,**

Leader: turns and talks to her friends,

All: ignoring the pitiful musings of the power-hungry.

Leader: The Queerness of the Spirit, like a kaleidoscope,

All: turns and turns and turns. **Asks:** How free can we get each other?

Leader: Is there another door to unlock behind this one,

All: a wider meadow in which to spread our arms and spin?

Leader: The Expansiveness of the Divine loves playfulness,

All: learns from the wisdom of children,

Leader: remembers what it's like for the body to move with ease,

All: knows nothing of borders drawn by empire,

Leader: knows nothing of limitations drawn by shame.

All: Come, whisper of freedom behind the oppressors' back.

***HYMN #38, vss 1-3**

Life-Giver, Maker, God of All

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN #759, vss 1-3**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UNISON PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Guitar: Beverly A. Snyder
Movement: Erin Christian Law

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

“What if joy, instead of refuge or relief from heartbreak, is what effloresces [blossoms] from us as we help each other carry our heartbreaks?” writes teacher and poet, Ross Gay. Beloveds, let us gather our resources that we may offer to each other relief. That there may be care for the heartbroken. That there may be joy in mutuality. Come.

OFFERTORY

“Country Hymn” *Keith Jarrett*

***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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Creativity, bless our resources, skills, and time towards each other’s joy. May all queer people be happy and free. May all disabled people be happy and free. May all parents be happy and free. May all veterans be happy and free. May all children be happy and free. May ALL be happy and free. May all oppression crumble, turning into compost for the World to Come. Amen.

READING

Psalm 127:1-2

PIANO MEDITATION

“Calm Me, Lord” *Margaret Rizzza*

SERMON

The Presence of Now *Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza*

***HYMN # 809, vss 1-3**

Sing a New World into Being

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #805** *(sung)*

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

POSTLUDE

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Serving Today

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, Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead

July 7

Lay Leader Lana Meissner
Flowers Communion
Greeter(s) Bob Heineman
Coffee Hour Shaune Henry
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher Jan Porter
Zoom Hosts Apriel Biggs, 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, Kim Corcoran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed for Lay Leader duty on July 21, and/or Flower provision July 21, July 28, and August 18. Please contact the office (607-587-9288 or uucalfred@gamil.com) and Lana Meissner (607-661-5159 or fmeissnerl@alfred.edu) if you can help. Thank you!

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

JULY LEADERS

Deacon Mary Smith
Elder Lana Meissner
Fellowship Cindy Tucker
Trustee TBD
BOCE TBD



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The Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza

38 Life-Giver, Maker, God of All

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

1 Life - giv - er, Mak - er, God of all, your breath sus - tains cre -
 2 Here we be - come your liv - ing church; we learn and claim your
 3 We hold your gifts in o - pen hands, to of - fer peace and

a - tion. Your arms en - fold the u - ni - verse, its ev - 'ry
 vi - sion: we are the hands and feet of Christ, em - pow - ered,
 heal - ing. We leave this place to share our bread, your ten - der

con - stel - la - tion. Yet when we gath - er in this place, we
 bless'd for mis - sion. Your Spir - it fills the church, each part; your
 care re - veal - ing. Thus, through us, may your love be shown; through

know your near-ness, your em-brace. You make your home a - mong us!
 Spir - it dwells in ev - 'ry heart: you make your home a - mong us!
 us, this truth to all be known: you make your home a - mong us!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

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759 Take My Life, and Let It Be

HENDON 7.7.7.7 extended

G D G Em C Am

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3 Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
 5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its

G D7 G D G

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 thou shalt choose. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my will and make it thine; it shall
 trea - sure store. Take my - self, and I will be ev - er,

C G D G D Em D G C G/D D G

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 be no lon - ger mine, it shall be no lon - ger mine.
 on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

809 Sing a New World into Being

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

G D7 G D

1 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where each gen - der, class, and race
 3 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where the home-less find a home;
 4 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Join the an - cient proph-ets' cry

G C Am G D7 G

Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain-bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em-brace;
 where no chil-dren ev - er hun-ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

D G D G D7 B Em A D G

dream a church where all who wor-ship find their lives and loves be - long. Sing
 where the lines that once di - vid-ed form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing
 where all peo - ple work for jus-tice, where all hate and ven-geance cease. Sing
 when com-pas-sion flows like wa-ters, pour-ing balm for all who grieve. Sing

C Am G D G

a new world in - to be-ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 a new world in - to be-ing: risk trans-form-ing heart and mind!
 a new world in - to be-ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 a new world in - to be-ing: live the prom-ise you be - lieve!

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