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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday
July 7, 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

PRELUDE “Instrument of Your Peace” *based on 12th century writing of St. Francis of Assisi*

May this be a time for silent reflection as we prepare ourselves for worship...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What Wisdom have we ignored because to take it in

All: might require us to change our lives?

Leader: Wisdom comes from people who do sex work who, outside of policing,

All: teach us about community safety.

Leader: Wisdom comes from Indigenous people

All: who teach us right-relationship with the land.

Leader: Wisdom comes from refugees

All: who teach us about surviving impossible conditions.

Leader: Wisdom comes from endangered species

All: who teach us all that is at stake.

Leader: What Wisdom have we ignored

All: because to take it in might require us to change our lives?

***GATHERING HYMN #36**

Let Us Build a House

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN # 297**

You Are Salt for the Earth

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

“In the Garden” *by Charles Austin Miles*

Piano: Beverly A. Snyder

Movement: Erin Christian Law

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Discipleship in the Jesus tradition requires unlearning self-sufficiency and arrogance. It means that instead we enter into the tender, creaturely dance of giving and receiving. Beloveds, what do you need to receive today? What are you invited to give? Come, ease into the ways of reciprocity as we collect our offerings today.

OFFERTORY

“Peace Song” *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

The carbon atoms in our bodies are billions of years old. The story of our lives did not arise in isolation. We embody the ebb and flow. Weaver of Hope, we dedicate our offerings to unlearning the audacious lie of self-sufficiency. Plant our resources in the rich soil of mutuality, that your kingdom may flourish. May it be so. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Beatitudes

PIANO MEDITATION

“Devotion” *Peter O’Connor*

SERMON

What If We Returned to Neighbor Love As Our Practice?

***HYMN #474**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, thank you for offering us Jesus Christ, like the simple gifts of bread and grape juice, to satisfy our deepest hunger and quench our deepest thirst. Please come into even the darkest corner of our lives. Please come into our heart, and mind and soul. Uncurl your strength and beauty within us until we become more like you and show it in the things we do and say. Forgive us for the ways we have failed each other in our journeys this week. Help us to nurture one another for the world that is to come. Through Jesus our Brother and one who shows us the Way.
Amen!

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

This month we celebrate communion in the “chalice” tradition. Please come forward when the usher invites you. Take and eat the bread. We offer both gluten free vegan crackers and regular bread. After eating the bread move to the right or to the left, take a cup of juice and drink it. After you drink the juice, place the empty cup in the tray provided on the left or right. Once you have placed your empty cup in the tray, return to your pew using the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, indicate to the usher that you would like communion brought to you by an Elder.

Our church practices open communion. Anyone who wishes to partake in the Lord’s Supper is invited to do so.

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

POSTLUDE

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Serving Today
July 7, 2024

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 Jiayi & 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

The Annual Prayer Breakfast will be celebrated on August 4 this year. Details will follow soon!

JULY LEADERS

Deacon Mary Smith
Elder Lana Meissner
Fellowship Cindy Tucker
Trustee TBD
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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Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A)
C7 F C F B \flat C

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

(Bm) (D) (A) (D) (Bm7)
Dm F C F Dm7

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine, and wheat: a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and streng - then,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

(Em) (A) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
Gm C Gm C7 B \flat F

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

(F \sharp m) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Am Dm Gm C F

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

(G) (D) (G) (F \sharp 7) (Bm)
B \flat F B \flat A7 Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:



RefRAIN

(Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Em) Gm

all are wel - come, all are wel - come,

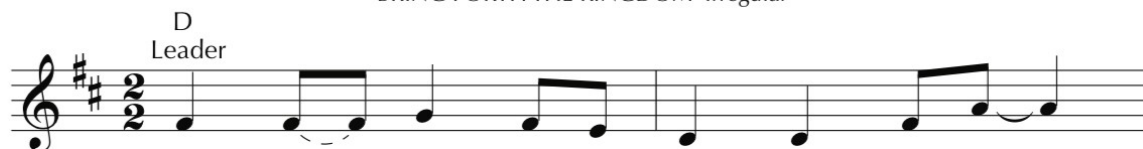
(D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

all are wel - come in this place.



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BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM Irregular



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple,
 4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,



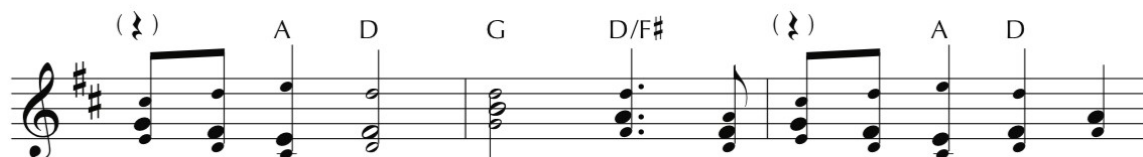
salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace. Bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!



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ALL WHO HUNGER 8.7.8.7 D

G2 D/G C/G G G/B
 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er,
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus

C Am7 D sus D G2 D/G
 man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -
 be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -
 Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -

C/G G G/B C Am7
 ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been

D sus D F Em7 F C maj7
 fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,
 feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered
 led. Blest are those who from this ta - ble

Am7 G/B C D sus D Am7/D
 all a - round us is our food.
 in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain G D/G C/G G sus G G/B G
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and

F Am7 Am7/D G D/G C/G C/D G
 see that God is good.

