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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RALLY DAY - September 15, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

Great Is the Lord

Michael J & Deborah D Smith arr Smith & Hustad

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who seek joy not as a fleeting feeling but as a deep wellspring, Rooted in the earth, in sacred spaces, and in our journeys of liberation.

People: We come, searching for the touchstones of joy,

In the harvest of our labor, in the places where God meets us.

Leader: Like the mycelium that connects the forest unseen,

So too are we connected—through God’s grace, through each other, through the sacred rhythms of life.

People: As the psalmist sings, “Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy,” We gather, trusting that joy will rise from the soil of our struggles.

Leader: In the dance of Miriam, in the feast of the harvest, in the building of sacred spaces, We find our touchstones of joy—where the divine meets the human, where heaven meets earth.

People: We come to this sacred space, To rejoice, to be strengthened, and to encounter the God of joy.

All: Let us worship God, who turns our weeping into dancing and our labor into joy. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN #160**

What a Fellowship

LITANY FOR CHURCH WORKERS

Pastor: There are different gifts.

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.

Pastor: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of it.

BLESSING

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN#545**

Here I Am, Lord

BLESSING FOR OUR YOUTH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You May also give directly through your ban, or online through Tith.ly).

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus *Silesian Melody arr Smith & Hustad*

*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. Amen

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 126:5-6 – Joy in the Harvest *(pew Bible 537)*

Exodus 15:20-21 – Joy in Celebration at the Red Sea *(Bible p.58)*

1 Kings 8:66 – Joy at the Dedication of the Temple *(Bible p.301)*

Isaiah 35:10 – Joy on the Journey Home *(Bible p.615)*

Leviticus 23:40 – Joy in the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)
(Bible p.106)

Psalm 43:3-4 – Joy at the Altar of God *(Bible p.488)*

ORGAN MEDITATION Vesper Voluntary *by Edward Elgar*

SERMON *Touchstones of Joy: Finding God’s Presence in Every Step*

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD **TOUCHSTONES**

*** CLOSING HYMN #681 Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

***BENEDICTION**

***UNISON BENEDICTION RESPONSE #805** *(Sung)*

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

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POSTLUDE

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

Please Note: Hearing Assistance and Large Print Hymnals are available. Ask the Usher for a Hearing Assistance device. The Hymnals are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

September Leadership: Elder—John Buckwalter, **Deacon—**Regina Burke, **Trustee—** Michele Hluchy, **Fellowship—**Dave Porter, **Christian Ed.—**Melissa Jusaniec & Michele Tichy

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Bev Potter, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Vangelia Perryman,
Esther & Marcus Epps, Kenneth Williams, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bird & Leo, Steve Crandall, Bob Condrate, Chrystal Dodge, the Burdick family, Joan & Brad Bowden.

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter
FlowersRegina Burke
Greeter(s)Sharon Burdick
Coffee HourFellowship Board
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Melissa Jusaniec
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead—September 22

Lay LeaderTiersa Watson
FlowersJan Porter
Greeter(s)Lana Meissner
Coffee Hour.....Catherine Chambers
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Jan Porter
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos

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.

*Please join us for coffee across the street
following worship.*

Worship online via Zoom: link available on webpage

Worship Feedback Forms

The board of Elders is asking you to provide worship feedback during the month of September. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form each week and leave it at the back of the sanctuary. Forms are also available online.

Upcoming Events

September 17, 7pm: Board of Elders

September 18, 6-8pm Community Dinner, RSVP to Beto or UUC today.

Bring a “taste of home” dish to pass and table service.

September Mission of the Month—funds go to our local Habitat chapter. Make checks payable to UUC with Habitat on the memo line.



160 What a Fellowship / Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER 10.9.10.9 with refrain

Capo 1: (G) A \flat (A m) B \flat m (C) D \flat (G) A \flat

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

(D) E \flat (G) A \flat (A m) B \flat m (C) D \flat

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

(G/D) A \flat /E \flat (D7) E \flat 7 (G) A \flat Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

(C) D \flat (G) A \flat (D) E \flat (G) A \flat (D) E \flat (G) A \flat

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

(C) (G/D) (D7) (G)
 D \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat 7 A \flat

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



545

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

G C/G G C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the

G D G Em Am7 C Am Am/G

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor by name. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

D/F# D/C G/B D/A G C/G G

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make the dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Am7 C Am G/B C D

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain D G Gsus G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

Text: Daniel L. Schutte (USA), 1980, *Lord of Light*, 1981, alt.

Music: Daniel L. Schutte; arr. Michael Pope, SJ (USA), and John Weissrock (USA)

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Am7 G/B Am/C C D

I have heard you call-ing in the night.

G Gsus G C/E G

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

Am7 D G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



681 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

FEEL THE SPIRIT 9.8.9.8 with refrain

Refrain D G D G D Bm

Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart,

A D G

I will pray. Yes, ev - 'ry time I feel the

D G D Bm A7 D *Fine*

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain when my God spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

A D

mouth came _____ fire and smoke. All _____ a - round me, it looked so
bod - y, but not the soul. There ain't but one train that's on this

A7 D *To refrain*

fine, I asked my Lord if _____ all was mine.
track, it runs to heav - en and runs right back.

Text: African American spiritual (USA)

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