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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 29, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Charles Stanford, arr Ralph Manuel

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Holy One, Where joy blossoms like a flower in the wilderness, Where grace flows like rain upon the dry land.

All: We come seeking renewal, We come ready to bloom, Like the New England Aster, rooted in grace, reaching toward the light.

Leader: In the spirit of the prophets, In the vision of Isaiah and the call of Jesus, We are invited into a world where joy springs forth, Where hope and justice bloom like flowers in the desert.

All: We come with open hearts, Ready to offer gestures of joy, Ready to build bridges of love and grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God of renewal, The One who invites us to be a community for the world, A people whose joy blooms and whose grace knows no bounds.

All: Together, we bloom in joy, Together, we grow in grace, Together, we worship the God who makes all things new.

*** GATHERING HYMN #495**

Morning Has Broken

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC “Rise Again” *by Dallas Holm*
 Beverly Snyder, vocals/piano Peter O’Connor, electric guitar

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 Adagio from Organ Sonata #1 *Felix Mendelssohn*

*** 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

*** HYMN#297** **You Are Salt for the Earth**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-2 *(pew Bible p. 615)*

ORGAN MEDITATION Chorale Prelude *by J S Bach*
 on “Dearest Jesus, at your word, we are gathered all to hear you”

SERMON *The Blooming of Joy: Grace in Every Gesture*
 Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

*** CLOSING HYMN #759** **Take My Life, and Let It Be**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #586** **All Will Be Well**

POSTLUDE

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.

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.

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey
FlowersJan & Larry Casey
Greeter(s)Jan & Dave Porter
Coffee HourMary Smith
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Jan Porter
Zoom HostsJim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead—October 6

Communion & Blessing of the Animals

Lay LeaderHeather Meacham
Communion (Chalice).....Heather Meacham (EOM), Larry Casey
Greeter(s)Joan & Walt Schulze
Coffee Hour.....Mindy Smith
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Meetings

- Today: Grow by Caring Task Force , immediately following coffee hour
- October 6, 9:30am—Adult Study with the Pastor

Worship Feedback Forms

Today is the last day to fill out worship feedback forms.

September & October Mission of the Month—the Board of Elders

decided to continue collecting for Habitat through the month of October due to multiple fundraising efforts. Make checks payable to UUC with Habitat on the memo line.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, 1-4 Resonance & Reflection—a new initiative at UUC: an art series that invites us to experience the sacred through creativity, offering a space where art becomes a spiritual practice. In sacred spaces, art helps us see the divine in new ways, opening our hearts and minds to deeper reflection and connection. As we engage with these visual expressions, we are called to listen to the resonances within us and reflect on the ways art can transform, heal, and inspire our spiritual journeys.

Sunday, October 6, 9:30am Adult Study— open to members of the congregation and community. Since it has been difficult to find a good time for Book Group, Roberto will offer an adult study at 9:30am on the first Sunday of the month. The first session will dovetail with the curriculum used by our youth. Roberto will provide materials for this session.

Sunday, October 6, 10:30am Blessing of the Animals—returns to UUC. Larry Casey will prepare a photo presentation of our pets. Please email photos to Larry at lcasey1834@gmail.com by Oct 1 at the latest. If you have printed photos to be scanned he will need them by next Sunday, Sept. 29.

Sunday, October 13, 4:00-5:00pm

“Resonant Stillness: A Sacred Sound Bath Experience” The intersection of art and sound in curating a sound bath ritual within the church sanctuary invites both the congregation and the broader community into a profound sensory experience. This immersive practice uses sound as a form of spiritual care, creating an atmosphere of deep reflection, healing, and connection. By blending art and sound, we transform the sacred space into a sanctuary of peace, where participants are invited to listen deeply—to themselves, to one another, and to the divine. This ritual fosters a sense of unity, grounding us in the present while opening us to new possibilities for spiritual growth and community care.

495 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

C Dm/F G F C

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light, mine is the morn - ing, born of the

C/E F C G7 C Am F C

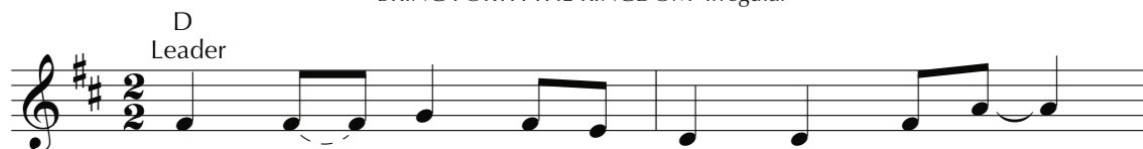
spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play. Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

Am D C Em Am Dm/F G C

morn - ing, praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

297 You Are Salt for the Earth

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,



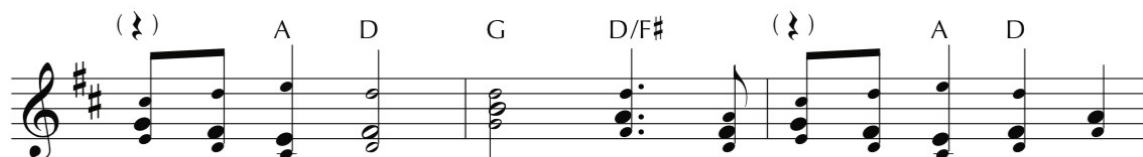
salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



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!



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.