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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE Toccata from the Fifth Symphony *by Widor*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are weary and in need of strength,

Come, all who seek joy that endures beyond sorrow.

People: We come, longing for connection,

Longing to be rooted in the joy of God.

Leader: Let us gather, as a forest of many trees, Each unique, yet connected through unseen bonds of love and grace.

People: As above, so below, we are intertwined, With God, with each other, and with all creation.

Leader: Here, in this sacred space, let joy be our strength.

May it flow through us like an underground network,

Supporting us, nourishing us, and binding us together.

People: We open our hearts to joy, The joy that resists despair, The joy that uplifts and sustains.

Leader: Let us worship God, Who is the source of all joy and strength.

All: Amen

***GATHERING HYMN #76**

Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN#122**

Sing to the God of Harvest

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(*Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary*).

OFFERTORY

Aria

by Craig Phillips

***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

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:10 (*pew Bible p.420*)

ORGAN MEDITATION

SERMON *Joy as Strength: A Deeper Connection*

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

*** CLOSING HYMN #103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

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

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 Jiaxi & 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.....Amie Acton
FlowersLaurel Buckwalter
Greeter(s)Mary-Lou & Jerry Cartledge
Coffee HourRegina Burke
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Melissa Jusianiec
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead—September 15

Lay LeaderJohn Buckwalter
FlowersRegina Burke
Greeter(s)Sharon Burdick
Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Board
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Melissa Jusianiec
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 available online. <https://forms.gle/U7ZMZHhc2wiz6vFx9>

Upcoming Events

September 8, 7pm Board of Trustees meeting
September 10, 1pm—Advisory Committee meeting
September 10, 7pm—Board of Elders meeting
September 15, 10:30am- Rally Day service
September 18: Community Dinner
September 22, 9:30am—Youth breakfast

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

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

Descant, verse 4

NICAEA 11.12.12.10

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Text: Reginald Heber (England), *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Banbury*, 1826Music: John B. Dykes (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861; desc. Godfrey Hewitt (Canada), ca. 1971, © 1971 Godfrey Hewitt

God in three per - sons, bless - ed trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed trin - i - ty!
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle staff is a guitar accompaniment line in treble clef with the same key signature, featuring chords Bm, D, G, D7, G, A7, and D. The bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words spanning across measures.



122 Sing to the God of Harvest

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6 D

1 Sing to the God of har - vest a song of love and praise;
 2 God gives the rain and sun - shine; the des - erts bloom and spring;
 3 Bring to the ho - ly ta - ble gifts God in good - ness gave:

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 all crea - tures leap in glad - ness; the chil - dren laugh and sing.
 the wheat of gos - pel plant - ing, the world Christ died to save;

By God's com - mand the sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with a - bun - dance; all liv - ing things in - crease;
 and bring the cup of bless - ing, the fruit of field and vine,

so thank the God of har - vest with hymns of heart - felt love.
 the year is crowned with kind - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and thank the God of har - vest who calls us now to dine.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB (USA), adapt. from "Sing to the Lord of Harvest," John S. B. Monsell (Ireland), 19th c., © 1998, 2003 GIA Publications, Inc.

Music: Johann Steurlein (present-day Germany), 1575; harm. Healey Willan (Canada), 1958; © Healey Willan Society

103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bles-sing, ev - er bless'd,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus, which the morn-ing stars be - gan.

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee their sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
 Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, lead-ing us with mer-cy's hand.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive our fear and doubt a - way. Giv -
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mead-ow, flash-ing sea, chant-
 Known in Je-sus Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine. Teach
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife. Joy -

- er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 - ful mu - sic lifts us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

*Notated rhythm reflects the melody as it appears in Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125.

Text: Henry van Dyke (USA), 1907, *Poems of Henry van Dyke*, 1911, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (Germany), 1823; adapt. Edward Hodges (England), *Trinity Collection of Church Music*, 1864, alt.

