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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 13, 2024**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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

PRELUDE Simple Gifts *Shaker melody, arr. Ralph Manuel*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are made in the image of God—each of us unique, each of us beloved.

People: We come as we are, in our differences and in our sameness, knowing we are reflections of the divine.

Leader: In a world that seeks to erase our differences, we come to persist, to endure, to live into the fullness of who we are.

People: We gather to embrace our diversity, to resist the pressure of conformity, and to stand firm in God’s radical grace.

Leader: Together, we are the Body of Christ, woven together in love and called to justice.

People: We will persist in truth and love, with hearts open to the challenge and the comfort of God’s presence.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who creates and sustains us, who calls us to live boldly into our difference.

People: We come to worship in grace, in hope, and in the radical honesty of our faith.

***GATHERING HYMN # 638 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC **Come Christians, Join to Sing**

Handbells and Piano

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY Vesper Voluntary IV *by Edward Elgar*

***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.

***HYMN OF THE MONTH # 298 What Is the World Like**

SCRIPTURES Romans 5:3-4 (*pew Bible p. 980*); Genesis 1:27 (*p.1*)

SERMON The Grace of Persistence: Embracing Radical Difference

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

***CLOSING HYMN # 205 Light Dawns on a Weary World**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

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

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Church Center following worship

Serving Today

Lay Leader Catherine Chambers
Flowers Joan & Walter Schulze
Greeter(s) Amie Acton
Coffee Hour Anna McHale
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher..... John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead - October 20

Lay Leader Tiersa Watson
Flowers Tiersa Watson
Greeter(s) Catherine Chambers
Coffee Hour Jan & Larry Casey
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Hosts..... Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

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.

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, Steve Crandall, Bob Condrate, the Burdick family, Joan & Brad Bowden.

Meetings

October 13, following worship – Grow by Caring

October 13, 1-4 Art Exhibit in the Sanctuary

October 13, 4-5pm, Sound Bath in the King David Room

October 20, 9:30am Youth Sunday School breakfast and meeting.

October 20, 7:00pm Trustees meet

October Leadership: Elder– Heather Meacham, **Deacon–** MaryBeth McDonough, **Trustee–** Laurel Buckwalter, **Fellowship—** Laurel Buckwalter, **Christian Ed.—** Jan Porter

October Mission of the Month



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Sunday, October 13, 4:00-5:00pm King David Room

“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.

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.

Our Mission Statement

We are what God's grace has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:8-10), and so we, the members of the Union University church, commit ourselves to be a church where

- People find the support, encouragement, and acceptance needed to live faithfully for Christ
- Through worship, sharing, and the study of God's word we learn to integrate our faith into our daily lives
- Our children develop integrity and moral courage through our teaching and example,
- We affirm the inclusiveness and the power of God's love and dedicate ourselves and our resources to making that love manifest in our community and throughout the world.

Through our diverse religious backgrounds we seek to experience the breadth of God and through our unity to serve Christ always.

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638 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER 8.7.8.7 D

B \flat F7 B \flat E \flat B \flat /F F B \flat

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast.
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive.
 4 Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; true and spot-less let us be.

F7 Gm E \flat B \flat /F F7 B \flat

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.
 Let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest.
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
 Let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee.

Gm D7 Gm D B \flat F/C C F F7

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art.
 Take a-way the love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be.
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

B \flat F7 Gm E \flat B \flat /F F7 B \flat

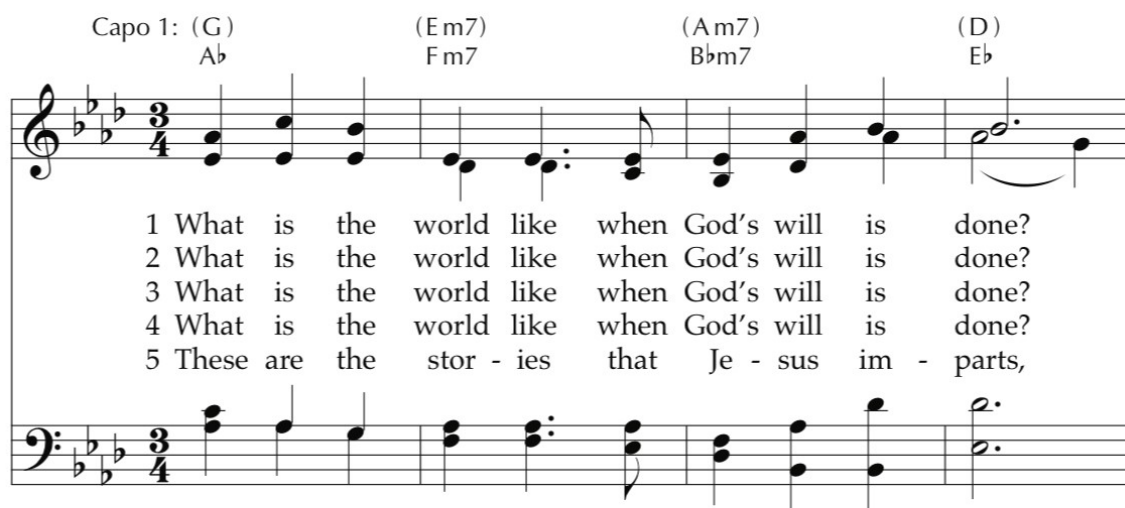
Vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion; en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (England), *Hymns for Those That Seek . . .*, 1747Music: John Zundel (USA), *Christian Heart Songs*, 1870

298 What Is the World Like

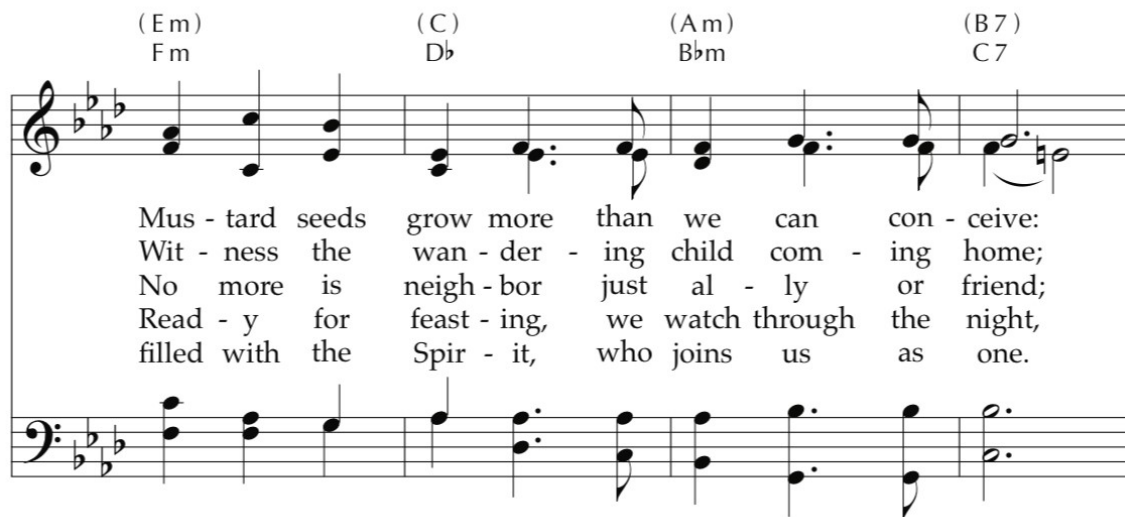
NEW WORLD 10.10.10.10

Capo 1: (G) Ab (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) Bbm7 (D) Eb



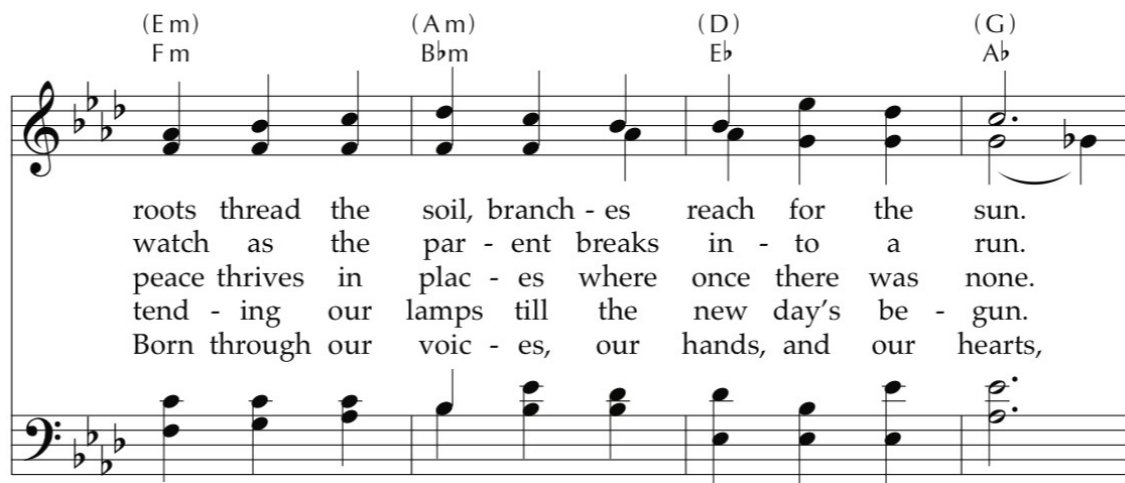
1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the stor - ies that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) Db (Am) Bbm (B7) C7



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it, who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (D) Eb (G) Ab



roots thread the soil, branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



(C) (Em7) (Am7) (D) (G)
D \flat Fm7 B \flat m7 E \flat A \flat

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.



205 Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE 7.6.6.7.8 with refrain



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



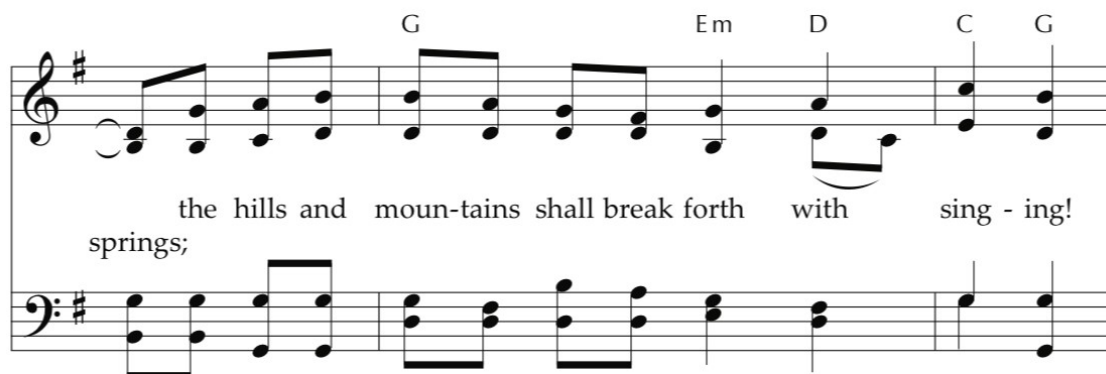
see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 clap their hands; gush with



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 springs;



We shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace,
out with joy, forth in

as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.
peace,

