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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 20, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Virginia Harmony arr Hayes and Gaspard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who seek the gift of God’s grace—freely given, overflowing with love.

People: We come, ready to receive, knowing that God’s gifts cannot be repaid but can transform us.

Leader: We gather today to embrace the symbols that speak to our deepest values—symbols of justice, belonging, and hope.

People: We come to reclaim and celebrate the symbols of liberation, knowing they carry stories of freedom and resistance.

Leader: In a world that seeks to divide, we come together as one community, united by the gifts of grace and justice.

People: We come, ready to listen, ready to act, ready to be transformed by the power of God's love.

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to live in love, to stand with the oppressed, and to embrace the symbols of belonging and freedom.

People: We come with open hearts and hands, ready to receive and to give, ready to be symbols of God's justice in the world.

***GATHERING HYMN #122**

Sing to the God of Harvest

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC #802

Draw the Circle

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY Come Away to the Skies *Kentucky Harmony*

arr Ralph Manuel

***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 James 1:17 (*pew Bible p.1054*); 2 Corinthians 9:15 (*p. 1008*); Matthew 10:8 (*p. 843*)

MEDITATION Vesper Voluntary VII *Edward Elgar*

SERMON The Gift Beyond Return: Receiving Symbols of Grace, Justice, and Belonging
Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

***CLOSING HYMN #705 For the Healing of the Nations**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful *Ludwig van Beethoven*

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

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

Serving Today

Lay LeaderTiersa Watson
FlowersTiersa Watson
Greeter(s)Catherine Chambers
Coffee HourJan & Larry Casey
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom HostsJim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead - October 27

Lay LeaderOriyah Sarnicola-Moon
FlowersMary-Lou & Jerry Cartledge
Greeter(s)Mindy Smith
Coffee HourKarrie Edwards & Jim Ninos
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher John Meacham
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Please Note Accessible parking and ramp access to the Church is available in the parking lot on West University St. **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 20, 9:30am Youth Sunday School breakfast and meeting.

October 20, 7:00pm Trustees meet

October 21, 1:00pm Advisory Committee

October 22, 11:00am Exercise with Jan Porter

October 23, 12:00pm Discussion Group

October 23, 6:00pm Community Potluck

October 24, 7:00pm Holiday luncheon mtg.

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

October Mission of the Month



Make checks payable to UUC with Habitat on the memo line or use the QR code below.



Open Call for Handbell Ringers: We would like to have the bells play for Christmas and are asking anyone interested and available to during worship on December 15 with rehearsals following worship on Dec. 1 and 8, please notify Lana Meissner or Laurel Buckwalter.

Christmas Boxes: If you are planning to sponsor a family this year please let Melissa Jusaniec know. Information sheets for sponsors are available at the back of the Church.

Dr. William Coch to speak at UUC: Saturday, Nov. 9 from 2-4. Presentation of matters of life and death.

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.

An Indescribable Gift

We have known for some time that our old logo had outlived its usefulness but have not had the time or resources to launch a logo development plan. Then, several week ago, like a gift from God, we received an indescribable gift – a logo created by a prominent local artist who wishes to remain anonymous. The Board of Elders, along with Pastor Beto, agreed that this beautiful image will serve us well as we look to the future.



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.

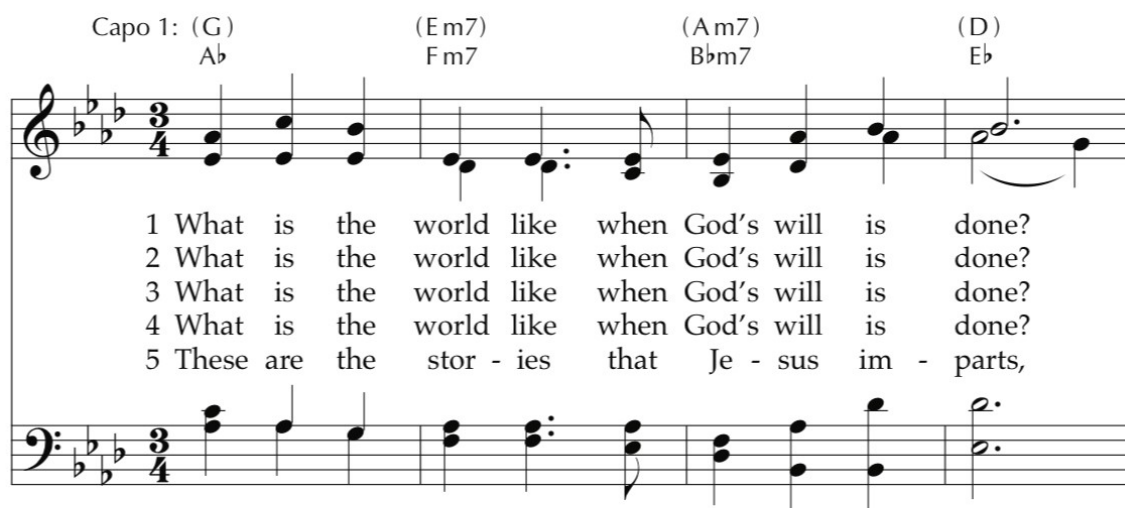
Music: Johann Steurlein (present-day Germany), 1575; harm. Healey Willan (Canada), 1958; © Healey Willan Society

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What Is the World Like

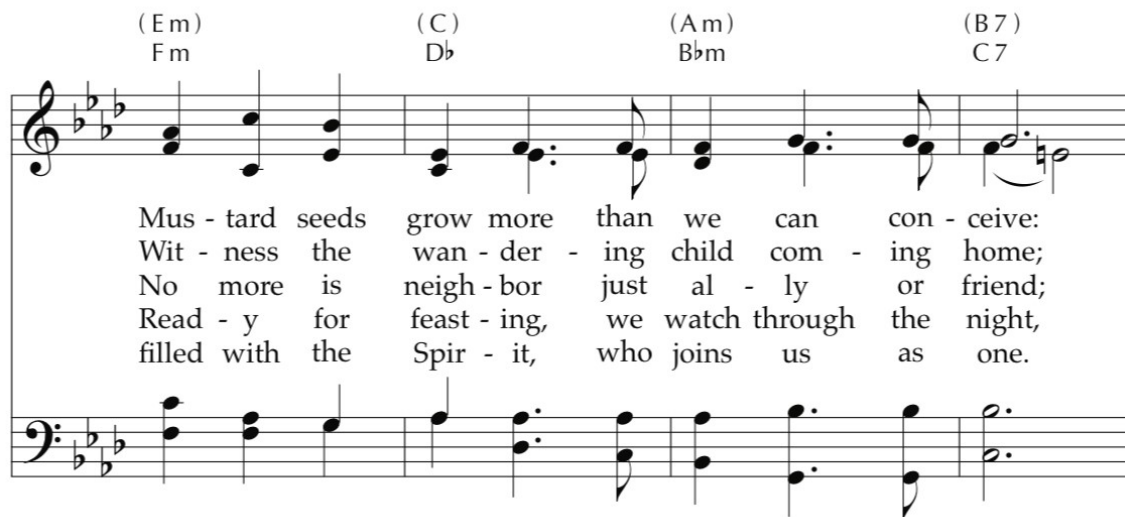
NEW WORLD 10.10.10.10

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



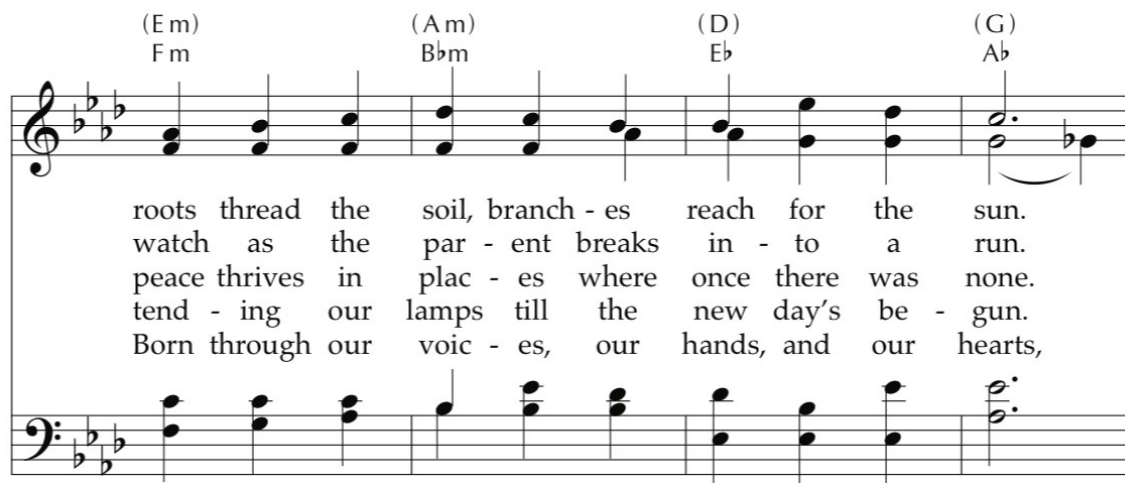
1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the stor - ies that Je - sus im - parts,

(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.



705 For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind. For our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

For a higher key, see "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (#265).

*Alternate tune: FROM THE DEPTHS (#157)

Text: Fred Kaan (England), 1965, alt., © 1968 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Henry T. Smart (England), *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship*, 1867



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All Will Be Well

Ostinato Refrain

OUR LORD SAID THAT ALL WOULD BE WELL Irregular

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of staves.

System 1: The first staff is the vocal line, and the second is the piano accompaniment. The piano part features a repeating ostinato pattern in the right hand: a half note Bb, a quarter note G, and a half note F. The lyrics are: "All will be well, and all will be well, all". Chords indicated above the staff are Dm, Gm/D, C, A sus, and A.

System 2: The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "man - ner of things will be well." The piano accompaniment continues the ostinato pattern. A "Repeat" sign is placed over the final measure of the piano part, which contains a whole note G. The chord Bb is indicated above the first measure of this system.

System 3: The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "well, will be well, will be well." The piano accompaniment continues the ostinato pattern. A "Last time" sign is placed over the first measure of the piano part, which contains a whole note G. The chords Bb and D are indicated above the staff.

Verses that may be sung over the refrain are included in the accompaniment edition.

Text: Julian of Norwich (England), *The Revelation of Divine Love*, 14th c.; adapt. Steven C. Warner (USA)

Music: Steven C. Warner

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