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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 27, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young, arr Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the midst of uncertainty, with hearts that carry the weight of the world, and yet, we come, seeking hope.

People: We come, with bodies that know the ache of waiting, yet we gather in faith, trusting that hope is here, taking root among us.

Leader: Hope is not distant, nor is it abstract. It lives in the quiet of our hearts, and in the small, sacred gestures of love and grace.

People: We are called to embody hope, to live it with every breath, and to share it with the world, even in the midst of uncertainty.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is with us in the waiting, the One who enters into our very bodies and breathes hope into our lives.

People: In our worship, in our lives, may we embody the hope that heals, the hope that transforms, and the hope that leads us forward.

***GATHERING HYMN #802**

Draw the Circle

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC

Church of the Woods

The Okey Dokey Brothers

Bev Snyder, Peter O’Connor, Michelle Hluchy, John Buckwalter

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Vesper Voluntary VIII

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**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:22-25 *(pew Bible p. 983)*

MEDITATION

Chorale: Our Father in Heaven *J S Bach, arr Schreiner*

SERMON

Embodying Hope in an Age of Uncertainty

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

***CLOSING HYMN #522**

Oh Blessed Spring

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 838 The Peace of the Earth Be with You**

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

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

Serving Today

Lay LeaderOriya 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 HostsJim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead – November 3

Lay LeaderAnna McHale
Pew Communion.....Cathy Rees (EOM)
Greeter(s)Heather & John Meacham
Coffee HourSharon Burdick
Organ Laurel Buckwalter
Piano Peter O'Connor
UsherMelissa Jusaniec
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Accessibility

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.

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

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 27, following worship Grow By Caring.

October 29, 11:00am Exercise with Jan

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

November Leadership: **Elder** – Cathy Rees,

Deacon- Nancy Evangelista, **Trustee** – Anna McHale, **Fellowship** – Luanne Crosby, **Christian Ed** – Deb Stephens

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 play during worship on December 15, with rehearsals following worship on Dec. 1 and 8, to 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. **See This Week@ UUC to find a link to the online response poll.**

Dr. William Coch to speak at UUC: Saturday, Nov. 9 from 2-4. Presentation on matters of life and death. **To ensure enough packets are available, please respond to porterkd1@hotmail.com, call or text 716-498-0005**

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.



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Draw the Circle

DRAW THE CIRCLE Irregular

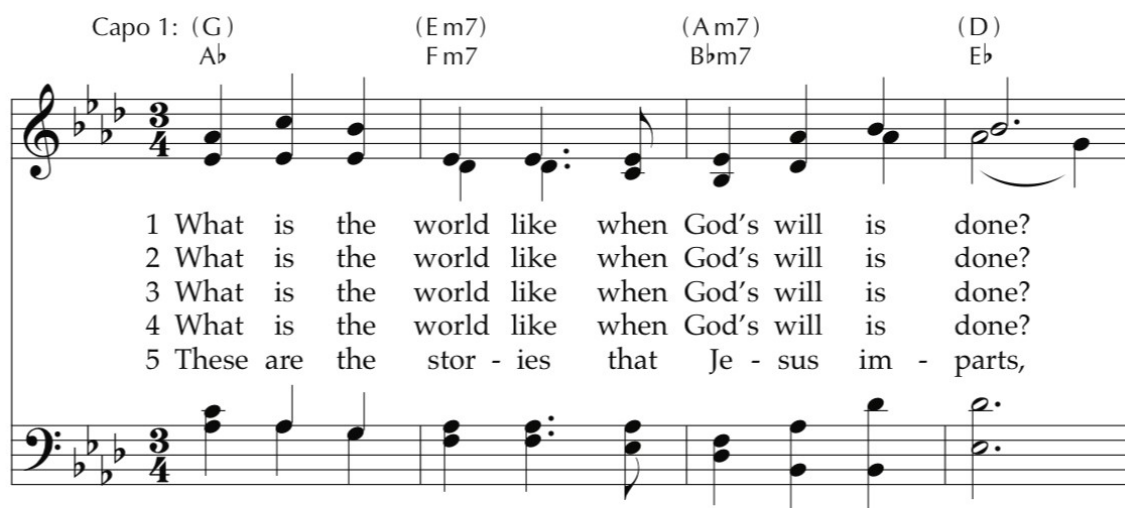
Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle,
draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by
side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,
draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

298 What Is the World Like

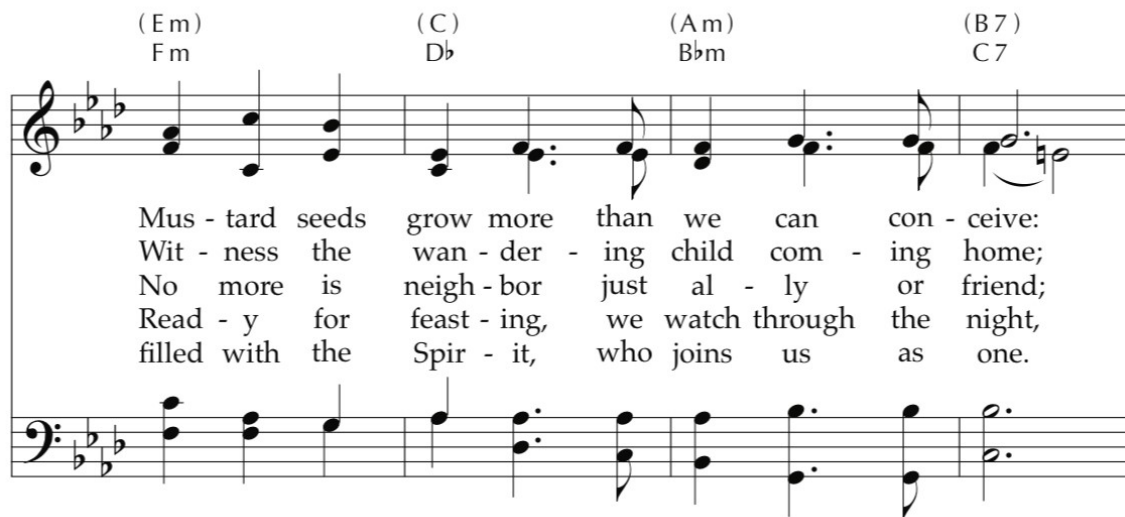
NEW WORLD 10.10.10.10

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



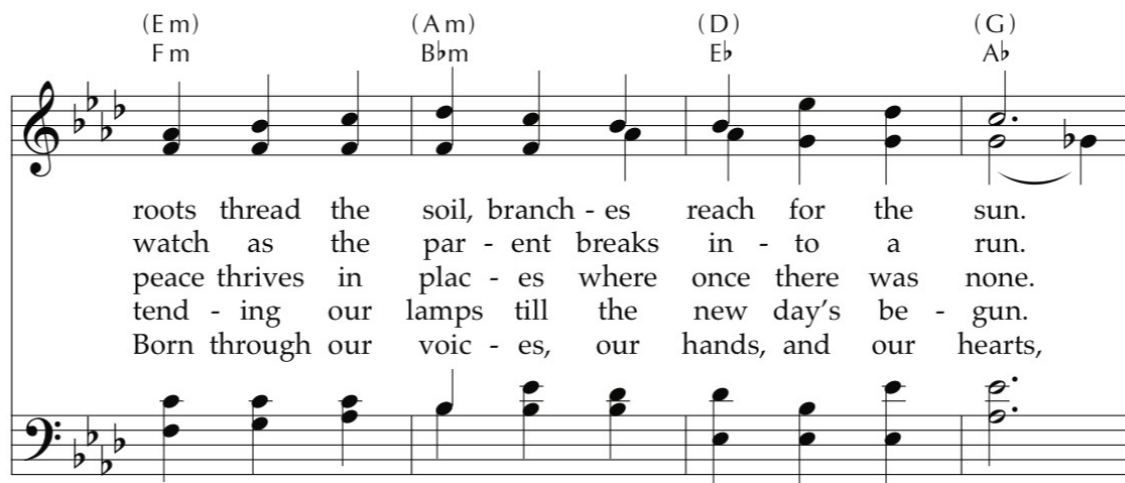
1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the stor - ies that Je - sus im - parts,

(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.



522

O Blessed Spring

THE WATER IS WIDE LM

D sus D G C G D sus D7

1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ter must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

Em Am D sus D G/B D7/A G/B

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in -
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our
 this blest mys - ter - y; that work and wa - ter

G Em B m Am/C G

one to be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 fus - ing rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 Christ will move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 souls take wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 thus re - vive and join us to your Tree of life.

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Music: English traditional, ca. 19th c., transcr. as "O Waly, Waly" in *Folk Songs from Somerset* (England), 1906; harm. James E. Clemens (USA), © 2004 James E. Clemens

838 La paz de la tierra (The Peace of the Earth Be with You)

LA PAZ DE LA TIERRA 8.7.9.7.7.6

Am F

La paz de la tie - rra es - té con - ti - go, la
The peace of the earth _____ be with you, the _____

G Esus E Am

paz de los cie - los tam - bién. La paz de los rí - os es -
peace of the heav - ens too; the peace of the riv - ers

F G Esus E

té con - ti - go, la paz de los ma - res tam - bién. La
be with you, the _____ peace of the o - ceans too.

C G Am Em Am

paz pro - fun - da ca - yen - do so - bre ti. La
Deep _____ peace _____ fall - ing o - ver you.

C G Am Em A

paz pro - fun - da cre - cien - do en ti.
God's _____ peace _____ grow - ing in you.