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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 10, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

**PRELUDE**      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *arr by Hayes and Gaspard*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who thirst for living water, all who seek a deeper encounter with the Divine.

**People: We come with curiosity, ready to ask, ready to listen, ready to receive.** Leader: Here, we gather as Jesus met the Samaritan woman—beyond boundaries and expectations, in a space of welcome and wonder.

**People: May our questions draw us closer; may our curiosity lead us to new understanding and hope.**

Leader: In this place, God invites us to let down our defenses, to approach with open hearts, and to be transformed by love.

**People: Together, we drink from the well of God’s presence, where barriers fall, and new life begins.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who offers us living water, who calls us to liberation, and who fills us with hope.

**All: We come as seekers and believers, as those curious for more. In the spirit of holy curiosity, we worship God.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN #203 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Let There Be Peace on Earth *Beth Keefer, soprano*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY** The Woman at the Well *by James Biery*

A modal and somewhat aimless tune represents the Samaritan woman. When Jesus first speaks to her (“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”), she does not comprehend his words. Little by little, as her understanding deepens, the hymn-tune begins to merge with the modal theme, and by the end of the piece they are intertwined.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give The living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

**\*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 #124 For the Fruit of All Creation**

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Mary *by Patty Griffin*  
*Amie Acton, vocalist*

**SCRIPTURE** John 4:1-42 Contemporary English Version *(pew Bible p925ff)*

**MEDITATION** Toccata for the Elevation *by Frescobaldi*

**SERMON** Curiosity at the Well: Liberation, Transformation, and Living Water

*Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD*

**\* CLOSING HYMN #533** Quietly, Peacefully

## **\*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**

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

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

### **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.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Vangelia Perryman, Esther & Marcus Epps, Kenneth Williams, Bob & Deb Lewis, Steve Crandall, Bob Condrate, the Burdick family, Joan & Brad Bowden, the family of Beverly Potter, Chrystal Dodge, Vaughn Mussmon (Joan Schulze' niece's youngest son), Coral Link's family, on her death.

### **Meetings**

Nov 10, 12noon, King David Rm: Community Care Circle-a post-election gathering to process together.  
Nov 10, 7:00pm Trustees meet  
Nov 12, 11:00am Exercise with Jan  
Nov 12, 6:00pm Meditation Group  
Nov 17, 9:30am Youth breakfast and Sunday School  
Nov 17, following worship: Semi-annual meeting in the sanctuary. Coffee hour in the sanctuary.

### **Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Catherine Chambers  
Flowers.....Beth & Dave Keefer  
Greeter(s) .....Mary-Lou & Jerry Cartledge  
Coffee Hour .....Laurel Buckwalter  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Guest Soloist..... Beth Keefer  
Usher.....Amie Acton  
Zoom Hosts .....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

### **Looking Ahead—November 17**

Lay Leader .....John Buckwalter  
Flowers.....Sharon Burdick  
Greeter(s) .....Cindy & Lynn Tucker  
Coffee Hour.....Joan & Walt Schulze  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Usher.....Mary Perkins  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

**November Leadership:** Elder:-Cathy Rees, **Trustee**-Anna McHale, **Deacon** -Nancy Evangelista, **Fellowship**-Luanne Crosby, **Christian Ed**-Deb Stephens.

**The UUC Church Directory** has been updated. If you would like a pdf copy sent to you or if you would like a printed copy please notify the church office. The directory will not be posted on our web page for security reasons.

**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.**

**Christmas Cookies:** The Diaconate annual plea for Christmas cookies is here. Please deliver cookies to the Church Center before Dec. 7. They will be packed the following day.

**Poinsettia Pre-sale:** to raise money for the church this year the holiday luncheon committee decided to sell poinsettias. They are available for pre-sale at \$15 each. Details and order forms are available this Sunday and next and are due by November 24.

**Post-Election Gathering,** today at noon, King David Rm. As a response to the stress, anxiety, fear, and other strong emotions we have experienced during this election season, we are offering a space for the Alfred community to come together to process our collective feelings in a safe and supportive way. Erin Law will serve as a facilitator to guide us through optional gentle embodied practices, discussion, and more. As a safety precaution, please use discretion in how you share this invitation; it is meant for community solidarity and peace-building.

### **November Mission of the Month** **Winter Clothing for Journey's End Refugee Center**

Collection bins for adult and children's winter clothing (including boots) in good condition will be available outside the Church Center. Journeys End has helped 645 refugees settle this year. They teach classes, hold weekly food banks, and hire volunteers to assist with the 14 languages that need translation. If you prefer to make a monetary donation please

**make checks payable to UUC with Journey's End on the memo line or use the QR code.**



# 203 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE CM

C Dm7 G C Am D G

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure.  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way.  
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

C Dm Am E C Dm G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;  
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op'n - ing day.  
 still be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

## 124 For the Fruit of All Creation

FIRSTFRUITS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har-vest of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev'-ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the

plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
 won - ders that a - stound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Alternate tune: AR HYD Y NOS (#830)

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## Quietly, Peacefully

NEW WORLD (Dvořák) Irregular

Refrain C

Dm7/C

G/C

Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly let me rest in you.

Am

F maj7

Dm7

Gsus

G7

C

Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly lead me back to you.

Verses F

G/F

F

F maj7

G/F

F

1 Lov - ing wis - dom, you a - lone, know all I can be.  
 2 In the night I call to you; can you hear my cry?  
 3 Heal - ing grace, take my pain, guard me night and day.  
 4 Breathe your law deep in me, plant it in my soul.

F

G/F

F maj7

F

G/F

F

To refrain

You, the hope my spir - it seeks, come and set me free.  
 Sad and fear - ful, still I plead: do not pass me by.  
 Show - er me with your love, wash my tears a - way.  
 Let your jus - tice be my song, kind - ness be my goal.





# 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.