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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE How Firm a Foundation *arr by Hayes & Gaspard*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today in a moment of holy curiosity, a time of sacred questioning.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to seek, to wonder, to listen.

Leader: God of kairos, you meet us in the in-between spaces, in the times rich with possibility.

People: Lead us to the places where your Spirit is moving, where divine timing opens new doors.

Leader: Today, we remember that each of us is made *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God, beloved and worthy.

People: May we see your image in one another, welcoming each person as part of your holy family.

Leader: God of liberation, draw us into your work of justice and inclusion. Break down the walls that divide.

People: May this be our kairos moment—a time to live boldly, to embrace the stranger, and to be transformed by love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of curiosity and kairos, of liberation and grace.

All: We come together as seekers and as family, ready to be met by the God of all creation.
Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN #802**

Draw the Circle

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC We Shall Overcome *arr Chuck Marohnic*
Laurel Buckwalter, piano

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Fantasia

by Pachelbel

***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**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40 (pew Bible p.955)

MEDITATION

Andante tranquillo from Organ Sonata III by Mendelssohn

SERMON

Curiosity, Kairos, and the Call to Liberation

*** CLOSING HYMN #209**

We Dream of a Turning

***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

I’ll Fly Away

***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 17, 9:30am Youth breakfast and Sunday School
Nov 17, 11:00am-3:00pm Alfred Farmer's Market, King David Room.
Nov 17, following worship: Semi-annual meeting in the sanctuary. Coffee hour in the sanctuary.
Nov 18, 12:30pm Advisory Committee
Nov 19, 11:00am Exercise with Jan
Nov 20, 6:00pm Community Potluck
Nov 23, 6:00-8:00pm Resonance & Reflection opening

Resonance & Reflection 2 – Art in the Sanctuary: The church will host a second art exhibition, curated by AU MFA student Max Heaton. The first show was a great success and much appreciated by church members and guests. The opening reception will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 23, from 6 to 8 pm. The show will be open for viewing on two Sundays, November 24 and December 1, from 1 to 3 pm.

Serving Today

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

Looking Ahead—November 24, Harvest Sunday

Lay LeaderAmie Acton
Flowers.....Lana Meissner
Greeter(s)Mary Smith
Coffee Hour.....Cindy & Lynn Tucker
Piano Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Melissa Jusaniec
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

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

Comm-UNITY Potluck: Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6:00pm. All members of the church and of the community are invited to come. Please bring a dish to pass, if able, and make a reservation with the church office to help planners prepare.

These dinners are jointly sponsored by the UUC, Alfred State College, and Alfred University. Nicole Foster of the Indulge Bakery will generously provide a large cake to celebrate November birthdays

RSVP to uucalfred@gmail.com

Christmas Boxes: Information sheets for sponsors are available at the back of the Church.

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. Orders are due Nov. 24.

Harvest Sunday – Next Sunday we will welcome a special guest who will share the pulpit with Pastor Beto in offering a joint dialogue sermon.

Stan Mitchell currently serves as a Teaching Pastor at The Village in Atlanta, GA. and Austin New Church (UMC) in Austin, TX. He is the Pastor Emeritus of GracePointe Church in Nashville, TN, having served as its Lead Pastor from 2003 through 2019. In 2015, GP made the move to the full affirmation and celebration of LGBTQ+ people. He spends his vocational time now as a speaker, LGBTQ+ advocate, and consultant within the Progressive Christian movement. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School.

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 UUC QR code

October Mission of the Month: On behalf of the Board of Elders we thank you for your generous donations to our local Habitat for Humanity chapter which amounted to \$1,218.95.

802

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.

Chords: D, G/D, D, G/D, G, A, D, G, A, Bm, E, Em, A, D, D/C, Bm7, Gmaj7, A, D, Bm7, Gmaj7, E, A, D, G, D/F#, F#, Bm, G, A7, D, D/C#, D.

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)

209 We Dream of a Turning

LOCH LOMOND 11.10.13.10 with refrain

C7 F Gm/F C7

1 We dream of a turn - ing from ag - es of wrong, earth to
 2 We dream of a feast where there's no one out - side, turned a -
 3 We dream of a moun - tain where no harm is done, where the

F F/E Dm Dm/C B♭ C F5 Dm

E - den re-stored, and our par - don. Like Eve and Ad - am, join in a
 way due to dif - f'rence or la - bel, when all the weap - ons forged to de -
 wolf and the lamb lie to - geth - er. A lit - tle child shall dance, lead - ing

B♭ C7 F Dm E♭ F

sto - ry and a song as we wan - der with God through the gar - den.
 stroy or to di - vide turn to rust far from God's ho - ly ta - ble.
 all the crea - tures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feath - er!

Refrain C7 F Dm Gm/B♭ C7

Where true peace is shin - ing as hate rolls a - way, see, God's

F Dm B♭ F B♭ C7 Dm F

bright new cre - a - tion is gleam - ing. The morn - ing rays that dawn on our

B♭ C7 F Dm C7 F

wea - ry, wak - ing day bring a hope far be - yond all our dream - ing.



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.