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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
HARVEST SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God *by Sigrid Karg-Elert (based on Hymn #114)*

INTROIT We Gather Together *arr by Albert Zabel* *Handbell Quartet*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who thirst for something new, something deeper, something transformative.

People: We come, seeking the Spirit's ferment, the life that bubbles and overflows.

Leader: God is pouring out new wine, fresh and uncontainable, calling us to let go of what no longer holds.

People: We open ourselves to the Spirit's creativity, ready to be reshaped as new wineskins.

Leader: Let us embrace the new thing God is doing, with hearts supple and lives renewed.

People: We come, ready to be filled, stretched, and transformed for the work of love.

All: Spirit of the Living God, pour into us anew. Shape us for your purpose. Make us vessels of your grace. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN #123**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER CONCERNS (Pastor)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIFT OF MUSIC

Circles

by Harry Chapin

Peter O’Connor, piano

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Thanks Be to God

by G.F. Handel arr by Mattha P. Setchel

***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

Mark 2:22 (*pew Bible p. 869*)

MEDITATION

God’s time is best, from Cantata #106

J.S. Bach arr. E.Power Biggs

SERMON

Dialogue Sermon

Rev. Stan Mitchell & Rev Dr. Roberto Che Espinoza

***CLOSING HYMN # 115 Praise Be to God**

***BENEDICTION**

***UNISON 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

May the Circle Be Unbroken

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), Mary-Lou & Jerry Cartledge (Mary-Lou is scheduled for surgery on Monday for a broken wrist following a fall).

Serving Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Stan Mitchell
Lay Leader	Amie Acton
Flowers	Lana Meissner
Greeter(s)	Mary Smith
Coffee Hour	Cindy & Lynn Tucker
Organ	Laurel Buckwalter
Piano	Peter O'Connor
Usher.....	Melissa Jusaniec
Zoom Hosts	John Buckwalter & Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead

December 1-First Sunday in Advent, Hanging of the Greens

Lay Leader	Anna McHale
Communion	Cathy Rees (EOM)
Greeter(s)	Bob Heineman
Coffee Hour	Regina Burke
Piano	Peter O'Connor
Usher	TBD
Zoom Hosts	John Buckwalter & Jim Ninos

Resonance & Reflection 2 – Art in the Sanctuary exhibit today 1-3pm. Exhibit will continue on Sunday Dec 1 and 8.

Poinsettia Pre-sale: Orders are due today.

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 are available outside the Church Center. Monetary donations should be made out to UUC with Journey's End on the memo line.

Hanging of the Greens: On Dec 1 following worship we will decorate the sanctuary and the Church Center for Christmas. "Many hands make light work," so if you are able to help it would be appreciated by all.

Christmas Cookies for Christmas Boxes: Due Dec. 7

Christmas Cookies for the Food Pantry: These cookies can be left in the church kitchen until December 18. Laurel will collect them and take them to the food pantry for packing and distribution on December 19.

UUC Potluck Dinner & Christmas Party: You're invited to the UUC Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 8th, at 5 PM** in the King David Room of the Church Center! The Youth will host a festive evening of inspiration, Christmas carols, and a magical mystery 'White Elephant' activity. As part of the event, they are inviting you to share a story about a time you were gifted something (tangible or not) and how it impacted you. If you'd like to contribute, please ensure you're comfortable with your story being shared during the program. Submit your story via this form: (<https://forms.gle/EFZ4Qrmf5qKwQz1v5>). We look forward to celebrating together!

Dish-to-pass dinner items needed: salads, veggies, fruit, side dishes, main dishes, bread & rolls,

desserts, wish cakes. Please contact Cindy Tucker with items you can bring. ckaytucker@gmail.com or 607.368.6431

The Christmas Eve choir needs singers! Luanne and Laurel will be directing what we hope will be a large group of enthusiastic singers, doing two very beautiful and meaningful songs. Rehearsals will be on Sunday nights, December 15 and December 22, at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

I am hoping that church members will also be able to provide special music on Sunday morning December 22, doing one of the songs we will learn on the 15th.

123 Come, Ye Thankful People

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come! Raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3 For our God a - gain shall come, and shall take the har - vest home,
 4 Then, O church tri - um-phant, come. Raise the song of har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from the field shall in that day all of - fens - es cast a - way,
 All are safe - ly gath - ered in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er doth pro - vide for our need to be sup - plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 giv - ing an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in God's pre - sence to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come. Raise the song of har - vest home.
 God of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, ten thou - sand an - gels, come! Raise the song of har - vest home.

Text: based on Psalm 103; Henry Alford (England), *Psalms and Hymns*, 1844, alt.
 Music: George J. Elvey (England), *A Selection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1858

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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Praise Be to God

SAKURA 8.7.7.7.8.6



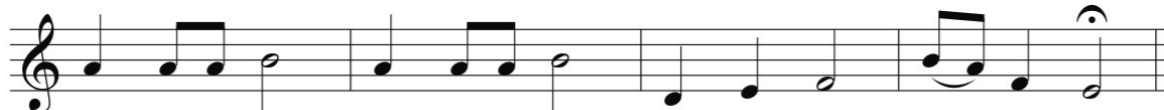
1 Praise be to God, praise be to God, for the green-ness
 2 Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, for the gift of
 3 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, for the grace of



of the trees, for the beau - ty of the flow'rs, for the
 friends in Christ, for the church, our house of faith, for the
 Christ, the Son, For the love of par - ent God, for the



blue-ness of the sky, for the great-ness of the sea.
 gift of won-drous love, for the gift of end - less grace.
 com - fort and the strength of the Spir - it, ho - ly God.



Praise be to God, praise be to God, now and for - ev - er - more.
 Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, now and for - ev - er - more.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, now and for - ev - er - more.

Text: Nobuaki Hanaoka (USA), *Hymns from the Four Winds*, 1983, © 1980 Nobuaki Hanaoka
 Music: Japanese traditional; transcr. © 1983 Abingdon Press (admin. Music Services)

