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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 3, 2024  
ALL SAINTS DAY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

**PRELUDE**     For All the Saints *by Ralph Vaughan Williams*     *arr by Hayes and Gaspard*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of mystery, where past and present meet. This weekend of All Saints, All Souls, and Día de Los Muertos, we welcome the echo of those who walked before us.

**People: We gather with open hearts, to honor the lives and legacies of the saints, souls, and ancestors who linger in memory, story, and song.**

Leader: Curiosity calls us deeper—into the mystery of life and death, of spirit and breath. Let us be drawn to the questions that arise, the wonders that open like doors into holy spaces unknown.

**People: In this time, we invite all that is sacred and surprising, remembering the loved ones who have crossed into eternal light, and welcoming their presence among us.**

Leader: May our worship be a dance with the divine and a celebration of life beyond life. Together, we join with all who seek and all who honor, finding unity in the beauty of our differences.

**People:** With joy and reverence, with curiosity and love, we open ourselves to the communion of saints and souls. Let us worship the God of all who came before, all who are here, and all yet to come. Amen.

**\* HYMN OF THE MONTH #124 For the Fruit of All Creation**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER** *(Sung)*

**GIFT OF MUSIC** My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord *arr Florence Price*  
*Luanne Crosby, soprano*

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

Leader: Today, we gather in sacred remembrance, honoring the saints who walked before us, those known and unknown, seen and unseen.

**People: We remember with gratitude, embracing their wisdom, courage, and love.**

Leader: For those who loved without measure, who fed the hungry, healed the sick, and brought hope to the weary—

**People: We give thanks, for they have shown us the way.**

Leader: For the dreamers and the prophets, those who spoke truth in love and stood for justice and mercy—

**People: We give thanks, for they inspire us to walk boldly in faith.**

Leader: For the mothers and fathers, the ancestors who gave us life, who held us in tenderness and guided us in peace—

**People: We give thanks, for they remain close in spirit and memory.**

Leader: For those who dared to embrace difference, who reached across boundaries with open hearts and willing hands—

**People: We give thanks, for they model a love that knows no bounds.**

Leader: For the martyrs, the poets, the teachers, and the wanderers, whose words and lives echo with hope and resilience—

**People: We give thanks, for their lives are lights upon our path.**

Leader: For the souls who rest in eternal peace, whose journeys continue beyond our sight, yet whose love sustains us still—

**People: We remember them, with love that transcends even death.**

Leader: May we walk in their footsteps, honoring their legacy by our own lives of justice, compassion, and courage.

**People: We are bound with them in the communion of saints, a community without end.**

Leader: In this time of remembrance, we lift our voices to the God of the living and the dead, trusting in the hope of resurrection and the power of love eternal.

We especially remember and honor today Phil Crayton and Beverly Potter, longtime members of this church who died this year.

*[two candles are lit]*

Leader: And now, we honor the names of all our loved ones who have died, some recently and some long ago, yet whose faces are still present and precious to our hearts.

*[The names of loved ones are read]*

Leader: We light this final candle to remind us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Our love will burn forever bright.

*[A third candle is lit]*

**People: Amen, and amen.**

**HYMN #672**

**For All the Saints**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*(Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give directly through your bank, or online through Tith.ly or Venmo. Our Venmo "handle" is @UUCAlfred, but you can find us by searching for the name of the church or use the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY** Three partitas on "Christ, you are the light and day" by Johann Sebastian Bach

### **\*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.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 3:1-5 (*pew Bible p 47*)

### **MEDITATION**

O Rest in the Lord *From Elijah by Mendelssohn*

### **SERMON** Curiosity as a Sacred Impulse

*Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD*

### **\* HYMN# 461**

**Come to the Table of Grace**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and Loving God, We come before you, aware of the hidden threads that bind us to you and to one another, yet we confess that we often neglect the roots of our joy. We have failed to nurture the deep connections that sustain our spirits, choosing instead the shallow pursuits of fleeting happiness.

Forgive us, Lord, for when we have isolated ourselves, cutting off the flow of your love and grace that moves through our lives like mycelium beneath the earth. We have turned away from the quiet places where your joy grows, seeking satisfaction in what is temporary and superficial.

We confess that in our struggles, we have allowed despair to take root, forgetting that joy can thrive even in the darkest soil. We have resisted the resilience of joy, choosing to remain in our brokenness rather than trusting in your power to transform and renew us.

Help us, O God, to return to the source of all joy, to reconnect with you and with one another. Cultivate in us a spirit of gratitude and contentment, that we may find joy in every season. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit.

In the silence of this moment, we bring before you the places in our lives where we need your healing, your forgiveness, and your joy...

[Silence]

Thank you, God, for your mercy that renews us and your joy that strengthens us. We trust in your forgiveness and in the power of your love to weave us back into the fabric of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

*In recognition of the various backgrounds of our members, our service of communion alternates monthly between the chalice tradition where people come forward and the pew tradition. This month we celebrate communion in the pew tradition. The Elders will pass the bread to the congregation pew by pew. When you receive the bread, wait until the whole congregation, the minister, and the Elders themselves have been served. We will then all eat the bread together when invited to do so by the minister, symbolizing our unity as one people who both serve and are served. The receiving of the cup will follow the same procedure. After the final prayer, you may place your empty cup in the ring holders on the back of the pews.*

*We practice open communion: everyone who wishes to participate is invited to partake of the elements.*

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer over the Bread & Cup** *Cathy Rees*

**Sharing the Lord's Table Together**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded in Love**

**\*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**

Thy Word Is a Lamp

**\*Please stand as you**

are able.

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

### Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Anna McHale  
Communion.....Cathy Rees (EOM) & Larry Casey  
Greeter(s) .....Heather & John Meacham  
Coffee Hour .....Sharon Burdick  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Guest Soloist.....Luanne Crosby  
Usher.....Melissa Jusianiec  
Zoom Hosts .....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

### Looking Ahead—November 10

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

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

### 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

### Meetings

Nov 3, 12noon: Diaconate meets  
Nov 5, 11:00am: Exercise with Jan  
Nov 9, 2:00-4:00 pm: Dr. William Coch  
Nov 10, 12noon, King David Rm: Community Care Circle-a post- election gathering to process together  
Nov 10, 7:00pm Trustees meet

### 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.**

**Christmas Boxes:** If you are planning to sponsor a family this year please let Melissa Jusianiec 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 will speak at UUC** next Saturday, Nov. 9 from 2-4. His presentation will be on matters of life and death. **To ensure enough packets are available, please respond to [porterkd1@hotmail.com](mailto:porterkd1@hotmail.com), call or text 716-498-0005**

**Post-Election Gathering,** Sunday, Nov 10 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.

## 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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## For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias



1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might, thou,  
 3 Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine! We  
 4 The golden evening bright-ens in the west. —  
 5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; the  
 6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee — by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Christ, — the hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid  
 feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine, yet  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest. Sweet  
 saints — tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray, as  
 gates — of pearl streams in the count - less host, \*all



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er bless'd.  
 gloom and doubt, their true and shin - ing light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 is the calm of par - a - dise the bless'd.  
 God to glo - ry calls them all a - way.  
 prais - ing Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



\*Alternate phrase: to praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost



# 461 Come to the Table of Grace

Swing: ♩ = ♩<sup>3</sup> ♩

TABLE OF GRACE 7.7.10.7

Capo 3:(D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb

Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/F#) F/A (G) Bb (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace . . .
- 3 Come to the table of love . . .
- 4 Come to the table of hope . . .
- 5 Come to the table of joy . . .

Text: Barbara Hamm (USA)  
 Music: Barbara Hamm  
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# 396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded

ROOTED AND GROUNDED Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♩<sup>3</sup>♩

Capo 3: (E5)  
G5

Refrain

(A m)  
C m

(F)  
A b

(A m)  
C m



May you be root-ed and ground-ed in love,

(C)  
E b

(A m)  
C m

(E 7)  
G 7

(A m)  
C m



strength-ened in the Spir-it through faith, to know the height and

(F)  
A b

(A m)  
C m

(F 7)  
A b 7

(A m)  
C m

(E 7)  
G 7

(A m)  
C m



depth and length and breadth of God's un-der-stand-ing and grace.

(C)  
E b

(G/B)  
B b/D

(A m)  
C m

(F 7)  
A b 7



1 Paul said we're all one bod - y, though  
2 Let all you do be done in love, and  
3 So when you feel like wor - ry - ing, turn

(A m)  
C m

(G)  
B b

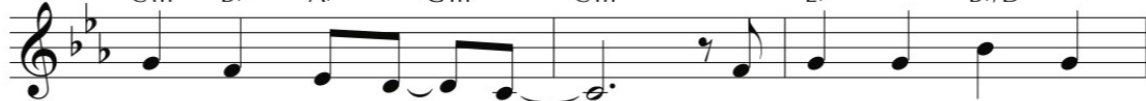
(F)  
A b

(E m)  
G m

(A m)  
C m

(C)  
E b

(G/B)  
B b/D



each has dif - f'rent gifts, each giv - en for the  
o - pen your heart wide. If you live by the  
ev - 'ry - thing to prayer, and God will search your

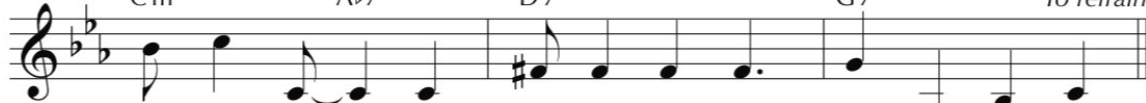
(A m)  
C m

(F 7)  
A b 7

(B 7)  
D 7

(E 7)  
G 7

To refrain



com-mon good; to - geth-er we are lift-ed up, and  
Spir-it, let the Spir-it be your guide, and keep you  
heart and soul, and hope will find you there. You will be

Text: based on Ephesians 3:17-18, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 16:14, Galatians 5:25, Philippians 4:6; Lisa Hubbell (USA), rev. 2019

Music: Lisa Hubbell, acc. Morgan Kusmer (USA)

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# 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.