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

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

Good Christian Friends

*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 #269 Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23 (*pew Bible p.836*)

MEDITATION

Going Home

by Antonin Dvorak

SERMON

The Fragility of Hope

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

* CLOSING HYMN #252 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Congregation left: Soli deo gloria

Congregation right: Soli deo gloria

Congregation left: To God alone all glory be

Congregation right: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

***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, Chrystal Dodge, Vaughn Mussmon (Joan Schulze's niece's youngest son), Sally Hopkins, Mary-Lou & Jerry Cartledge.

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Flowers.....Lana Meissner
Greeter(s)Regina Burke
Coffee HourAnna McHale
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....Dave Porter
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead—Pew Communion

Lay LeaderLana Meissner
Flowers.....Lana Meissner
Greeter(s)the Schulzes
Coffee Hour.....Karrie Edwards & Jim Ninos
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos

December Leadership: Elder:-Cathy Rees, **Trustee**-Michele Hluchy, **Deacon** -Erin Law, **Fellowship**-Cindy Tucker, **Christian Ed**-Deb Stephens.

December Mission of the Month

Christmas Boxes/Fund for Local Relief

While the Christmas Boxes, turkeys and hams have been distributed, please remember that the Elders decided, with the agreement of Melissa Jusaniec (Christmas Box coordinator) that money's over and above what was needed for the purchase of turkeys or other items needed for the Christmas boxes go into a "**Fund for Local Relief.**" If you wish to donate money to that fund please be sure to put a memo to that effect on your donation.

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



Collection of Items for the Allegany County Unhoused

The UUC Board of Elders has agreed to help collect items for the unhoused in our county in cooperation with the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (ACASA) and the Allegany County Democratic Committee. A collection bin is in the foyer of the Church Center until Jan 17. Local collection bins will also be placed at the Alfred Pharmacy, Box of Books Library, and AU Alumni Hall. High priority needs include the following **new items**:

Sweats (L and XL tops and bottoms)	Hairbrushes
Long winter underwear	Deodorant
Winter socks	Aquaphor
Waterproof heavy gloves	Blistex SPF 15
New hats and scarves	Gatorade
Hand & foot warmers	Listerine (alcohol free)
Cheese and cracker packets	Wet-ones
Ouchless hair elastics	

Financial Update:

As an independent church, not affiliated with any denomination, UUC is funded entirely by individual members and donors. We need a steady stream of financial support and volunteers to enable us to pay salaries and utilities and to help maintain our facilities and programs.

Operating Income is running behind budget by about 29%

Income through November 30: \$61,189.00

Income needed through November 30 to make budget: \$86,430.00



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.

212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

GENEVA 42 (FREU DICH SEHR) 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8

F Dm B♭ F C F

1 Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, speak of peace, now says our God.
 2 Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 O make straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain.

Dm B♭ F C F

Com - fort those who sit in shad - ows, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
 bid - ding all to full re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits a ho - ly reign.

C F B♭ C

Speak un - to Jer - u - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them.
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of our God now o'er earth is shed a - broad.

F Gm Dm F B♭ F B♭ C F

Tell of all the sins I cov - er, and that war - fare now is o - ver.
 Val - leys, rise in ex - al - ta - tion; hills, bow down in ad - o - ra - tion.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Text: based on Isaiah 40:1-5; Johannes Olearius (present-day Germany), "Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben," *Geistliche Singe-Kunst*, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth (England), *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

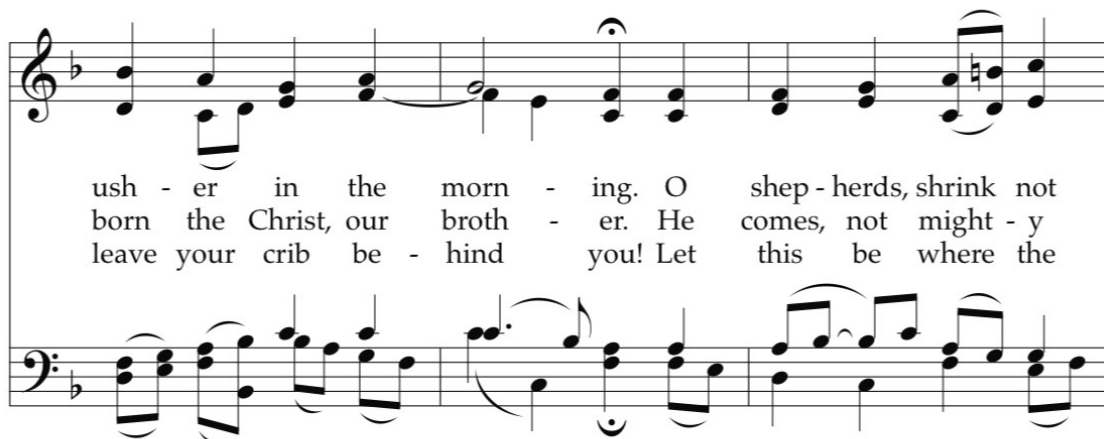
Music: Louis Bourgeois (present-day France), *Genevan Psalter, Octante Trois Pseaumes de David*, 1551; harm. adapt. from Claude Goudimel (present-day France), *150 Pseaumes de David*, 1564

269 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

ERMUNTRE DICH 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7



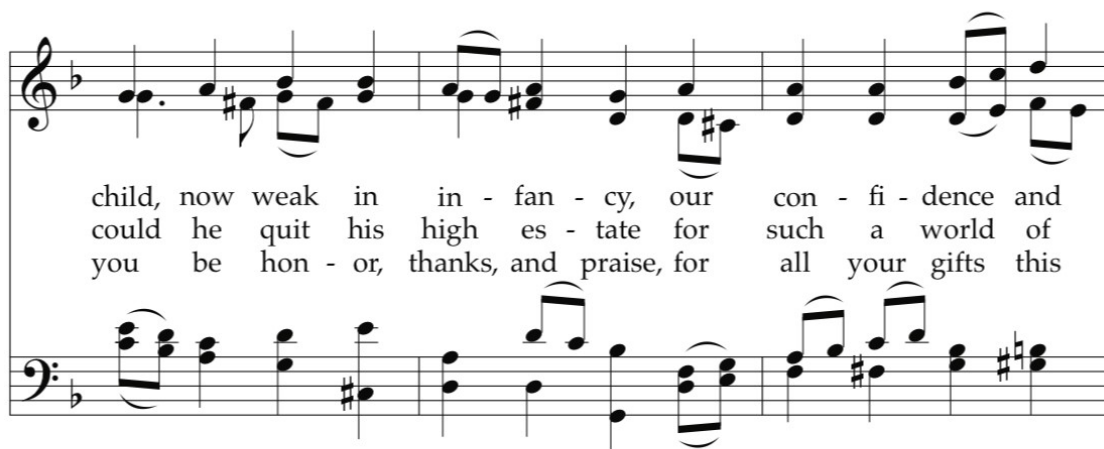
1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, and
 2 This night of won - der, night of joy, was
 3 Come, dear - est child, in - to our hearts, and



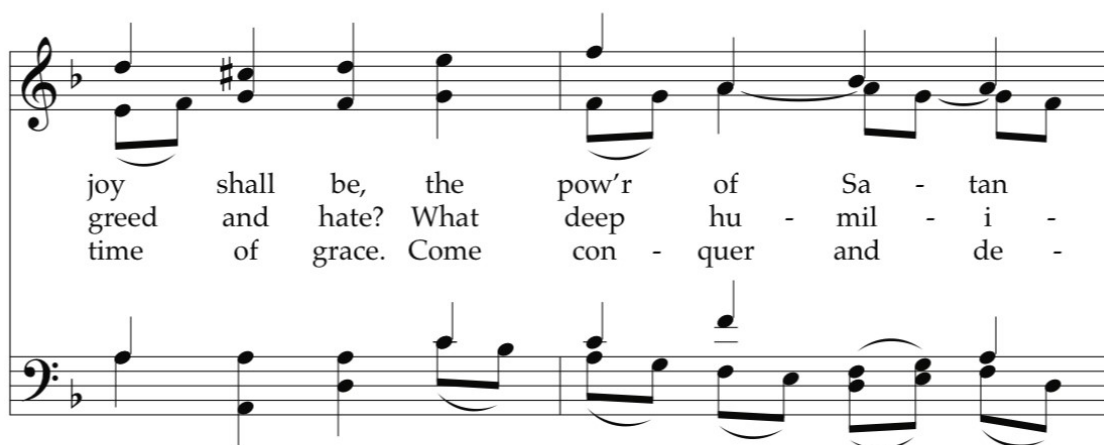
ush - er in the morn - ing. O shep - herds, shrink not
 born the Christ, our broth - er. He comes, not might - y
 leave your crib be - hind you! Let this be where the



with af - fright, but hear the an - gel's warn - ing. This
 to de - stroy, to bid us love each oth - er. How
 new life starts for all who seek and find you. To



child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and
 could he quit his high es - tate for such a world of
 you be hon - or, thanks, and praise, for all your gifts this



joy shall be, the pow'r of Sa - tan
 greed and hate? What deep hu - mil - i -
 time of grace. Come con - quer and de -



break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.
 a - tion se - cured the world's sal - va - tion!
 liv - er this world and us for - ev - er.



252 Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Swing: ♩ = ♩³

Refrain

G Em D7 G

Go tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;

Em G/D D7 G

go tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born!

D7 G

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a-bove the earth
 3 Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

A D7 To refrain

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
 rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual (USA); adapt. John W. Work Jr. (USA), 1871-1925

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Valeria A. Foster (USA), alt., © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.