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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
February 2, 2025**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**PRELUDE** My Lord What a Morning

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, beloved community, into this sacred space where justice and peace embrace.

**People: We bring our anger, our hopes, and our longing for a better world.**

Leader: Here, we honor the fire of righteous anger that awakens us to injustice.

**People: May our anger be kindled into courage, not destruction, and lead us to transformation.**

Leader: God calls us to embody love in action, to seek reconciliation and justice

**People: We come, ready to build the beloved community, where all are seen, heard, and valued.**

Leader: Together, let us worship the God of justice, peace, and unending love.

**All: With open hearts and bold spirits, we gather to worship and act in faith.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN #5**

**All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER** *(sung)*

### **\* HYMN OF THE MONTH #168**

**Peace to You**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

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### **OFFERTORY**

In the Bleak Midwinter

### **\* 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. Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 21:12-13 (pew Bible p.855)

Ephesians 4:26-27 (p. 1019)

### **MEDITATION**

Beams of Heaven

**SERMON** Braving the World: Honoring Anger, Embodying Nonviolence  
*Espinoza, PhD*

*Rev Roberto Che*

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

**Come to the Table of Grace**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Leader:** Let us come before God with humble hearts, confessing where we have fallen short of the vision of the beloved community.

**All:** God of justice and mercy, We confess that we have not always loved as you call us to love. We have chosen comfort over courage, silence over speaking out, and division over unity. Forgive us for the ways we have upheld systems of oppression, For failing to see your image in every person, and for turning away from the cries of the marginalized.

**Inspire us, O God, with the example of those who have gone before us, like Dr. King, who taught us to dream boldly and act bravely.**

**Renew our commitment to the beloved community, and strengthen us to be your hands and feet in a world longing for justice. Amen..**

### **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

This month we celebrate communion in the “chalice” tradition. Please come forward when the usher invites you. Take and eat the bread. We offer both gluten free vegan crackers and regular bread. After eating the bread, move to the right or to the left, take a cup of juice and drink it. After you drink the juice, place the empty cup in the tray provided on the left or right. Once you have placed your empty cup in the tray, return to your pew using the outside aisles. If you cannot come

forward, indicate to the usher that you would like communion brought to you by an Elder. Our church practices open communion. Anyone who wishes to partake in the Lord's Supper is invited to do so.

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing the Lord's Table together**

**\* CLOSING HYMN#287                      Jesus Christ Is Waiting**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #832**

**The Lord Lift You Up**

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,  
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand  
Secure in God's word, seeking God's face.  
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

### **POSTLUDE**

If I Had a Hammer

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

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

### **Prayer Concerns**

Ding Jiaxi & 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' niece's youngest son), Sally Hopkins, Joan, Walt, & Gretchen Schulze.

**February Leadership:** Elder:-Rick Stephens, **Trustee**-Jerry Jusianiec, **Deacon** -Amie Acton, **Fellowship**-Sharon Burdick, **Christian Ed**-Deb Stephens.

### **Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Heather Meacham  
Communion.....Rick Stephens (EOM), Larry Casey  
Greeter(s) .....Amie Acton  
Coffee Hour .....Evangelista/Dosch  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....Deb Stephens  
Zoom Hosts .....Jim Ninos

### **Looking Ahead – February 9**

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Wendy Fambro  
Lay Leader .....Larry Casey  
Flowers.....Cathy Rees  
Greeter(s) .....the Stephens  
Coffee Hour.....Burke/Hluchy  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....Mary Perkins  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

### **Meetings**

Exercise with Jan Porter, Tuesdays at 11:00am  
February 11, 7:00pm Board of Elders

**Mission of the Month : California Fire Disaster Relief** Please make checks out to UUC with CA Fire Relief on the memo line.

### **Upcoming Youth Sundays: February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Youth meet at 9:30am in the King David Room for breakfast and an inspiring lesson.

**Farmers Market at UUC** Sunday, February 9, 11am-3pm in the King David Room

### **Pastoral Evaluation – Deadline February 9**

The Pastor Performance and Feedback Form can be completed using an anonymous online Google form; simply copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://forms.gle/NG9KsBNfxF4TognY8>.

If you would like a written copy mailed to you, please request this by writing to [uucalfred@gmail.com](mailto:uucalfred@gmail.com).

All forms must be returned by Sunday, February 9, 2025. Thank you for participating in this important opportunity for reflection and growth!

### **Financial Update - Moving in the Right Direction**

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.

Our operating budget-operating income gap narrowed more in December than initially reported. We had additional donations after Sunday December 29 received by mail that narrowed the gap to 17%. (Down from 29% on November 30.)

Income through December 31: \$82,961

Income needed through December 31 to make budget: \$99,875

# 5 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

G D Em Bm Em D G

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing out your  
 2 Know that there is one God in - deed, who fash - ions  
 3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with joy ap -  
 4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose mer - cy

D Em C G D Em D G D G

faith with cheer - ful voice; de - light in God whose  
 us with - out our aid, who claims us, gives us  
 proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our  
 is for - ev - er sure, whose truth at all times

C D G Em D Am G D G

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.  
 all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.  
 God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

16th-century text:

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| <p>1 All people that on earth do dwell,<br/>         sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.<br/>         Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,<br/>         come ye before him and rejoice.</p> | <p>3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise.<br/>         Approach with joy his courts unto.<br/>         Praise, laud, and bless his name always,<br/>         for it is seemly so to do.</p> |
| <p>2 Know that the Lord is God indeed.<br/>         Without our aid he did us make.<br/>         We are his flock, he doth us feed,<br/>         and for his sheep he doth us take.</p>               | <p>4 For why? the Lord our God is good.<br/>         His mercy is forever sure.<br/>         His truth at all times firmly stood,<br/>         and shall from age to age endure.</p>         |

Text: based on Psalm 100; William Kethe (present-day Switzerland), *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*, 1561; adapt. Thomas H. Troeger (USA), 1992

Music: Louis Bourgeois (present-day France), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

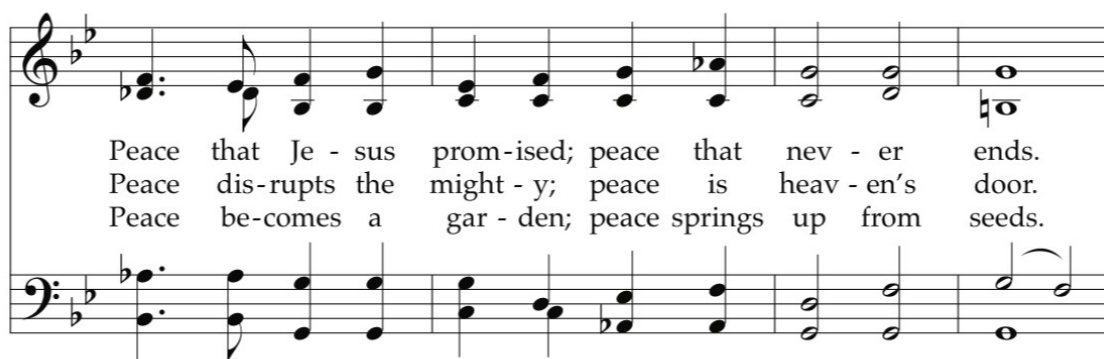
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## Peace to You

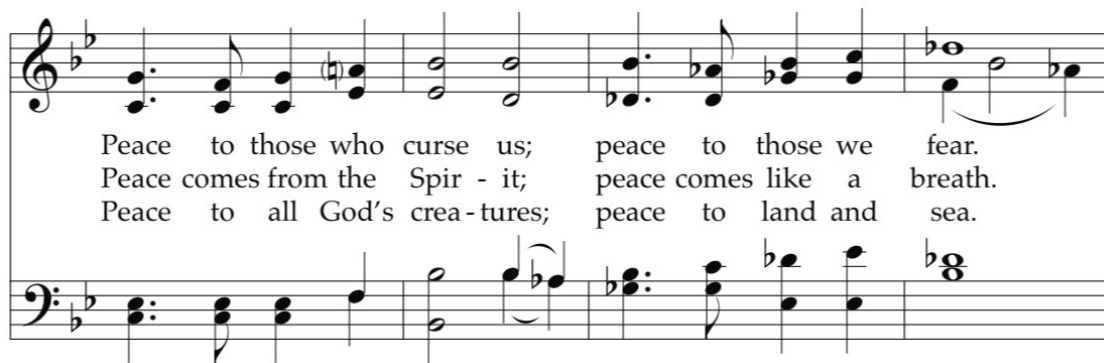
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1 Peace to you, my loved ones; peace to you, my friends.  
 2 Peace con-founds the wealth - y; peace lifts up the poor.  
 3 Peace is grace in ac - tion; peace is love in deeds.



Peace that Je - sus prom-ised; peace that nev - er ends.  
 Peace dis-rupts the might - y; peace is heav - en's door.  
 Peace be-comes a gar - den; peace springs up from seeds.



Peace to those who curse us; peace to those we fear.  
 Peace comes from the Spir - it; peace comes like a breath.  
 Peace to all God's crea - tures; peace to land and sea.



Peace to far - off na - tions; peace to neigh-bors here.  
 Peace re-veals a new world; peace does not fear death.  
 Peace that fills the cos - mos; peace that sets us free.

# 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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# 287 Jesus Christ Is Waiting

NOËL NOUVELET 11.11.10.11

E5 A Em A Em/B B Em

1 Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets;  
 2 Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets,  
 3 Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets;  
 4 Je - sus Christ is danc - ing, danc - ing in the streets,  
 5 Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets,

E5 A Em A Em/B B Em

no one is his neigh - bor, all a - lone he eats.  
 where in - jus - tice spi - rals and real hope re - treats.  
 cur - ing those who suf - fer, touch - ing those he greets.  
 where each sign of ha - tred he, with love, de - feats.  
 "Who will join my jour - ney? I will guide their feet."

Em B/F# Em/G B B/D# Em F# B B7

Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am lone - ly too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am an - gry too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have pit - y too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should tri - umph too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my fears be few.



Em A Em A Em/B B E5