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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 16, 2025**

**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, beloved community, let us gather in the presence of the One who asks, *Do you love me?*

People: We come, bringing our doubts and our devotion, our fears and our faith.

Leader: Love calls us to remove our masks, to stand in truth, to embrace the self we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within.

People: We come, ready to be seen, to be known, and to be transformed.

Leader: Jesus calls us into love—not a love that remains silent, but a love that feeds, a love that tends, a love that builds community.

People: May our love be more than words; may it be action, may it be justice, may it be healing.

Leader: Then let us worship the God whose love meets us where we are and calls us into something more.

People: Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN #30**

Jesus Calls Us

PRAYER CONCERNS *If you have a prayer concern you would like to have mentioned please write it in the notebook at the back of the sanctuary prior to the start of worship.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine *African-American Spiritual*

*** 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

*** HYMN OF THE MONTH #168** **Peace to You**

SCRIPTURE John 21:15-17 *(pew Bible p. 946)*

MEDITATION Thy Word Is a Lamp *Amy Grant*

SERMON

Do You Love Me? Love of Self, Love of Community
Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

*** CLOSING HYMN#344**

Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #832** *(Sing twice)*

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 Down by the Riverside

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

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

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, Bob Condrate, the Burdick family, Joan & Brad Bowden, Vaughn Mussmon (Joan Schulze's niece's youngest son), Sally Hopkins.

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

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Catherine Chambers
Flowers.....the Cartledges
Greeter(s)MaryBeth McDonough
Coffee Hourthe Porters
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....Deb Stephens
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead – February 23

Lay LeaderDeb Stephens
Flowers.....Deb Stephens
Greeter(s)Amie Acton
Coffee Hour.....the Rees'
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....Rick Stephens
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos

Meetings

Exercise with Jan Porter, Tuesdays at 11:00am

February 17, 2:00pm Trustees meeting

February 24, 1:00pm Advisory committee

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, March 9 and April 6

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

Updates from the Board of Elders: The Elders have received a number of questions and suggestions about some of the elements of Sunday worship and we want the congregation to know that we have discussed each of them with the following results:

Opening ritual–The Elders endorse Erin's participation, but recommend using the ritual once a month. In this way the ritual remains special rather than routine.

Prelude - Suggestion regarding moving the prelude to the opening of the service–The Elders recommend no change.

Prayer Concerns - Suggestion to solicit prayer concerns from the floor, using a portable or standing mic so people can hear—The Elders recommend no change to the present practice of using written concerns. Some communication of this practice may help members make use of it.

Pastoral Evaluation - It is anticipated that on or around March 1st the raw survey data will be aggregated for initial review by the survey committee. That committee will synthesize or summarize the raw data into general findings or themes. These findings will be communicated to the Elders who will further review and clarify for the purpose of generating priorities. The Elders voted to appoint a subcommittee for the purpose of meeting with Rev Espinoza to review, discuss, and make recommendations resulting from the survey findings and the Elders priorities. The subcommittee will include two Elders (Lana Meissner and John Buckwalter) and one evaluation committee member (Nancy Evangelista). The timetable for these deliberations and mechanism for reporting back to the congregation is yet to be determined.

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 now running behind budget by about 8.5% (Down from 29% three months ago)

Income through January 31: \$102,774.00

Income needed through January 31 to make budget: \$112,360.00



Welcome Packets for Newcomers

We extend a special welcome to newcomers and visitors and encourage you to accept a welcome packet which includes information and treats from our UUC family. One of our deacons will be sure you receive one as you leave worship this morning.

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Jesus Calls Us

JESUS CALLS US 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (D) F (E m7) G m7 (D) F (E m7) G m7 (F# m7) A m7

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through
 2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
 3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er; vast - ly

(B m7) D m7 (E m7) G m7 (A) C (D) F (E m7) G m7

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's
 Life and Lord of all, shar - er of our
 dif - f'rent though we are; race and col - or,

(D) F (E m7) G m7 (F# m7) A m7 (B m7) D m7 (E m7) G m7

prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and
 flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or
 class and gen - der nei - ther lim - it nor de -

(A) C (D) F (A m) C m (D) F (B m) D m (E m7) G m7

care. Praise the God who keeps each prom - ise; praise the
 fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his
 bar. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger; join the

(F# m7) A m7 (E m7) G m7 (A) C (D) F (E m7) G m7 (D) F

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it who, a -
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the

(E m7) G m7 (F# m7) A m7 (B m7) D m7 (E m7) G m7 (D) F

mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

Text: John L. Bell (Scotland) and Graham Maule (Scotland)

Music: Isle of Lewis traditional (Scotland); arr. John L. Bell

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Peace to You

LOCKLEY 6.5.6.5 D

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.

344 Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing

COLUMCILLE 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm

1 Seek - ing warmth from char - coal blaz - ing, Pe - ter fought the
 2 Bread and fish, a fire - side break - fast for a wea - ry
 3 Ques - tions asked and an - swers giv - en, time - less fac - es

(D) (B) (Em) (Bm)
 Eb C Fm Cm

chill night air. Some - one spoke, "I saw you with him." Pe - ter
 fish - ing crew. Je - sus que - ried, "Do you love me?" Pe - ter
 warmed by flame; bit - ter night of love's de - ni - al, with the

(F#m) (B) (Bm) (Em)
 Gm C Cm Fm

said, "Not me. I swear." Two more times was Pe - ter ques - tioned,
 said, "You know I do." Two more times his mas - ter ques - tioned,
 dawn re - demp - tion came. We still hear these an - cient voic - es

(D) (G)
 Eb Ab

two more times he an - swered "No!" Then from deep with - in the
 two more times did Pe - ter vow. "Feed my lambs," was Je - sus'
 and the les - son that they give. "Do you love me?" is the

(Cmaj7)
D♭maj7

(Am)
B♭m

(E♭m3)
F♭m3

shad - ows came the prom - ised roost - er crow.
bid - ding. "Tend my sheep; they need you now."
ques - tion meant to guide us as we live.

