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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 23, 2025**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Hackensack

Thelonious Monk

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, weary ones, seekers and skeptics, dreamers and doubters. Come, those who long for rest, for renewal, for home.

People: We come to pause, to breathe, to remember what is sacred.

Leader: There are no unsacred places, only sacred places and desecrated places. Let this time, this gathering, be made holy.

People: We gather to make space for the Spirit, to open our hearts to God’s presence.

Leader: On the road to Emmaus, Christ was made known in the breaking of bread. In the quiet, in the song, in the shared presence of one another—God is here.

People: May our eyes be opened, our burdens lifted, our spirits renewed.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made—A day of rest, a day of gathering, a day of transformation.

All: Let us worship the One who calls us into sacred time and sacred place!

*** GATHERING HYMN #738 Open My Eyes That I May See**

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 Round Midnight *Thelonious Monk*

*** 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 Exodus 20:8-11 *(pew Bible p. 63)*

Luke 24:13-35 (The Road to Emmaus) *(p. 920)*

MEDITATION Monk’s Mood *Thelonious Monk*

SERMON The Value of Sunday—Sacred Time, Sacred Place, Sacred Renewal

Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD

*** CLOSING HYMN#306 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

*** 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 Blue Monk *Thelonious Monk*

***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.....Deb Stephens
Flowers.....Deb Stephens
Greeter(s)Amie Acton Coffee Hour
.....the Rees's
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....Rick Stephens
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead – March 2 – Pew Communion

Lay LeaderLarry Casey
Communion.....Rick Stephens (EOM), Larry Casey
Greeter(s)the Tuckers
Coffee Hour.....MaryBeth McDonough
Piano Peter O'Connor
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos

Meetings

No Senior Luncheon on Monday, February 24

February 24, 1:00pm Advisory committee

Exercise with Jan Porter, Tuesdays at 11:00am

Mission of the Month : LA 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 – The raw data has been aggregated, and the Elders will meet to review it and set priorities.

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.

738 Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8.8.8.4

Capo 1: (G) Ab (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab

1 O - pen my eyes that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear,
 3 O - pen my mouth and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-'ry-where.

(B7) C7 (Em) Fm (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) Bb7

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - 'ry - thing false will
 O - pen my heart and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

(D) Eb (G) Ab (D7) Eb7

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

(G) Ab (G7) Ab7 (C) Db (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab

will to see. O - pen my eyes, il - lu-mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears, il - lu-mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my mouth, il - lu-mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Text: Clara H. Scott (USA), *Best Hymns*, No. 2, 1895Music: Clara H. Scott, *Best Hymns*, No. 2, 1895

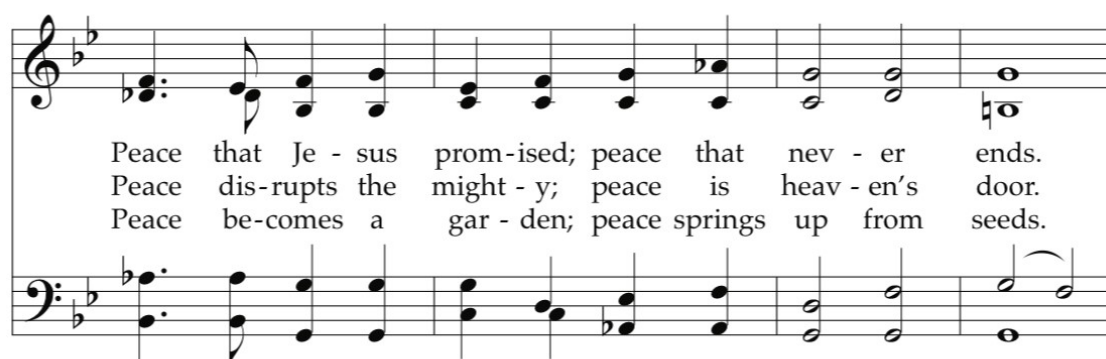
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Peace to You

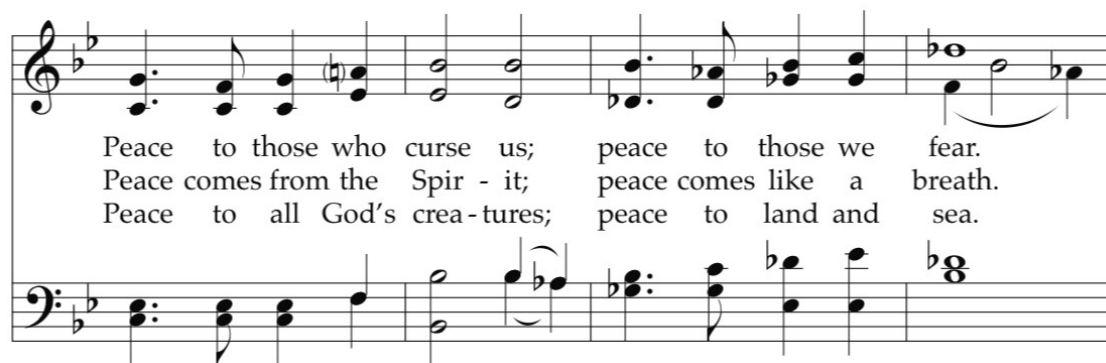
LOCKLEY 6.5.6.5 D



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.

306 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER 8.8.8.9

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me. I want Je - sus
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me. In my tri - als,
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me. When I'm in trou - ble,

to walk with me. All a - long my pil - grim
 Lord, walk with me. When my heart is al - most
 Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual (USA)

Music: African American spiritual



832 The Lord Lift You Up

BENEDICTION 5.5.5.5.5.4.5.5

Capo 2: (D) (E m/G) (A)
E F#m/A B

Swing: ♩ = ♪³ ♪

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your

(D) (D7) (E m/G) (A7)
E E7 F#m/A B7

hand, the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to

(B) (B7) (Em7) (A7)
C# C#7 F#m7 B7

stand, se - cure in God's word, seek - ing God's

(F#m) (Bm) (Em) (A7)
G#m C#m F#m B7

face, a - bound-ing in love, a - bid - ing in

1 Last time
(D) (D) (G) (D)
E E A E

grace. The grace.

