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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 16, 2025**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

**PRELUDE** I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

*by Dr. Billy Taylor arr Nina Simone*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are weary of striving, All who are tired of climbing ladders that lead nowhere.  
Lay down your burdens. Step away from the race.

**People: We come to find rest in God's grace. We come to make space for one another.**

Leader: Come, all who long for another way—A way where love is not earned, Where worth is not weighed, Where no one stands alone.

**People: We come to practice humility, To learn the way of Christ, Who emptied himself and walked among us.**

Leader: This is the place where pride is set down, And power is shared. This is the table where all are fed And no one is turned away.

**People: We come to the table of freedom. We come to the refuge of God. We come as a**

people on the run from empire, Seeking the sanctuary of one another.

Leader: Let us worship the One Who turns the world upside down, Who sets captives free, And calls us to the humble work of love.

People: We are here. We are ready. Let us worship God.

**\* GATHERING HYMN #31      Come, We That Love**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY      The South Wind      Donald Meidreach**

**\*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 OF THE MONTH #556**

**I Bind My Heart This Tide**

**SCRIPTURE** Philippians 2:1-11 (*pew Bible p. 1023*)

**MEDITATION      Danny Boy      Traditional**

**SERMON**

Practicing Freedom: Humility—The Posture of Freedom  
*Rev Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD*

**\* CLOSING HYMN #414      Jesus Shall Reign**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #805**

Peace, salaam, shalom, peace, salaam, shalom,  
peace, salaam, shalom, peace, salaam, shalom.

**POSTLUDE**            Planet Irwin            *by Turlough O'Carolan*

**\*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, Bob Condrate, the Burdick family, Joan & Brad Bowden, Sally Hopkins, Luanne Crosby's friends: Kathy Kalushka (breast cancer) & Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Steve Crandall.

**March Leadership:** **Elder**:-Larry Casey, **Trustee**-Anna McHale, **Deacon** -Erin Law, **Fellowship**-Cindy Tucker, **Christian Ed**-Melissa Jusaniec.

**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Tiersa Watson  
Flowers.....no flowers during Lent  
Greeter(s) .....the Porters  
Coffee Hour .....the Watsons  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....Mary Perkins  
Zoom Hosts .....Jim Ninos

**Looking Ahead – March 23**

Lay Leader .....Amie Acton  
Flowers.....No flowers during Lent  
Greeter(s) .....Catherine Chambers  
Coffee Hour.....the Tuckers  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....John Meacham  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

**Meetings**

Exercise with Jan Porter, Tuesdays at 11:00am

**March 16**, 12 noon Grow By Caring meeting

**March 17**, 12 noon Advisory Committee

**March 19**, 6-8 Community Potluck

**March 23**, following worship New Members meeting

### **Upcoming Youth Sundays:, April 6**

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

### **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 8.8% -- about the same as last month. Income through February 28: \$114,751.00. Income needed through February 28 to make budget: \$124,844.00.**

### **Donate through Venmo**



### **Lenten Project**

This year the Elders have decided to partner with Haiti Outreach for our Lenten project. As many of you may recall we have a longstanding relationship with Haiti Outreach and several of our members and former youth have been to Haiti. We also contributed to a water project there in conjunction with Michele Hluchy's "Water Planet" class. Details will follow as we firm up plans.



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### **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.

### **Informational Meeting for Potential New Members**

The Diaconate will be holding a Membership Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 23 following the church service. This meeting is for anyone who is interested in joining as a Member or Associate Member of the Union University Church. Plan to join Re. Espinoza and the Deacons to learn more about the history and traditions of UUC, and to share your thoughts on what the UUC means to you. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact us at [uucalfred@gmail.com](mailto:uucalfred@gmail.com) and we will arrange for another Membership Information opportunity for you.

## 31

## Come, We That Love

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION SM extended with refrain

G D7 G D

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.  
 2 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets,  
 3 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry.

G C D A7

Join in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with sweet ac-  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly  
 We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's ground, we're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

D G D G Am G D7 G

cord, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 fields, or walk the gol - den streets, or walk the gol - den streets.  
 ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

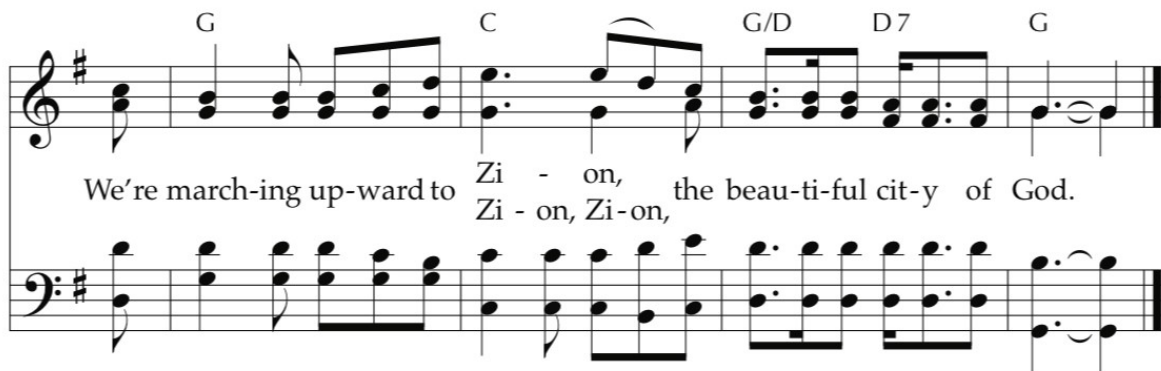
and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 or walk the gol - den streets, or walk the gol - den streets.  
 to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on.



We're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.



# 556 I Bind My Heart This Tide

UNION 6.7.7.7

Dm Gm Dm Gm F

1 I bind my heart this tide to the Gal - i - le - an's side, to the  
 2 I bind my soul this day to the neigh-bor far a - way and the  
 3 I bind my heart in thrall to the God, the Lord of all, to the  
 4 I bind my - self to peace, to make strife and en - vy cease. God!

Dm F Gm F Dm C G Dm

wounds of Cal - va - ry, to the Christ who died for me.  
 stran - ger near at hand, in this town and in this land.  
 Christ, the poor one's friend, and the Spir - it he did send.  
 Knit se - cure the cord of my thrall-dom to my Lord! A-men.

Text: Lauchlan M. Watt (Scotland), *The Tryst: A Book of the Soul*, 1907, alt.Music: J. Randall Zercher (USA), 1965, *The Mennonite Hymnal*, 1969, © 1965 J. Randall Zercher



# 414 Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET LM

D G D E A D

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 For him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er Christ reigns; and pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring each its pe -

G D Em D A D A D

ces - sive jour - neys run. His realm shall stretch from  
 throng to crown his head. His name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to loose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar praise to sing; an - gels de - scend with

G D A D G D Em D/A A7 D

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are bless'd.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!