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

**April 6, 2025**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

**PRELUDE**

What Wondrous Love is This?

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, beloveds— come with your questions, your doubts, your half-formed hopes. Come with your heavy hearts and your wide eyes.

**People: We are here to pay attention—to what is breathing, to what is blooming, to what pulses beneath the surface of our ordinary lives.**

Leader: The Spirit is not far off. She is here—

**People: in breath, in silence, in laughter, in tears.**

Leader: She is alive in us. So come—let us attune ourselves to the sacred rhythms of now.

**People: Let us worship the One who is always making all things new, and calling us to remember what is already alive.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN #297 You Are Salt of the Earth**

**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**     Largo from Vivaldi's Concerto

**\*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 #712 Beauty for Brokenness**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Stan Mitchell*

**\*COMMUNION HYMN #474**

**All Who Hunger**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Unison Prayer): Gracious and Loving God, We come before you as part of a greater whole—threads in your vast tapestry of creation, participants in the wisdom economy of grace and belonging. Yet we confess: we have forgotten the deeper rhythms that give life. We have neglected the roots of joy and chased the distractions of fleeting satisfaction. Forgive us, O God, when we confuse noise for nourishment. When we seek quick answers instead of quiet wisdom. When we cut ourselves off—from community, from creation, from the sacred stories that hold us in love. Like the hidden network of mycelium beneath the forest floor, your joy pulses quietly beneath our lives—connecting, healing, sustaining. And yet, we have turned away from this sacred interconnectedness, choosing isolation over interdependence, efficiency over empathy. We confess that we have let despair harden our hearts. We have forgotten that joy is not a denial of pain, but a holy companion through it. We have resisted your invitation to imagine another way—to trust that even in brokenness, there is still beauty; even in exile, there is still becoming. Holy One, return us to ourselves. Reground us in wonder. Reweave us into relationship. Teach us to measure our lives not by what we can produce, but by how well we love, how deeply we listen, and how tenderly we care.

In the stillness of this moment, we name the places where we long for reconnection, for healing, for joy that endures. [Silence]] Thank you, God, for mercy that moves like underground rivers, unseen but never absent. Thank you for the joy that rises, slow and strong, through even the cracked soil of our lives. In your wisdom, we are restored. In your grace, we are renewed.  
Amen.

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

This month we celebrate communion in the pew tradition. The Elders will pass the bread to the congregation pew by pew. When you receive the bread, wait until the whole congregation, the minister, and the Elders themselves have been served. We will then all eat the bread together when invited to do so by the minister, symbolizing our unity as one people who both serve and are served. The receiving of the cup will follow the same procedure. After the final prayer, you may place your empty cup in the ring holders on the back of the pews.

We practice open communion: everyone who wishes to participate is invited to partake of the elements.

### **Words of Institution**

**Prayer over the Bread & Cup** *Rick Stephens*

**Sharing the Lord's Table Together**

## **\* CLOSING HYMN # 773**

**Ubi Caritas**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #805**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

God of Grace

*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, Sally Hopkins, Luanne Crosby's friends: Kathy Kalushka (breast cancer) & Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Steve Crandall.

**March Leadership:** Elder:- R. Stephens, **Trustee-** Jim Ninos, **Deacon -**Mary Smith, **Fellowship-** Jan Porter, **Christian Ed-**Mary Perkins

## **Serving Today**

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Stan Mitchell  
Lay Leader .....Rick Stephens  
Flowers.....No flowers during Lent  
Greeter(s) .....Evangelista / Dosch  
Coffee Hour.....the Tuckers  
Piano .....Laurel Buckwalter  
Usher.....Mary Perkins  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

## **Looking Ahead – April 13**

Lay Leader .....John Buckwalter  
Flowers.....Lana Meisser  
Greeter(s) .....Cartledge  
Coffee Hour.....Hluchy & Burke  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....TBD  
Zoom Hosts ..... .. Jim Ninos

## **Meetings**

**April 6,** Congregational Meeting following service

**April 7,** Advisory Committee at 12p in Bergren Room

**April 8,** Elders Meeting at 7pm in Bergren Room

**Stewardship & Pledge Forms** will be distributed on April 6, deadline for return is April 20, Easter Sunday

**Upcoming Farmer's Market on April 13** in the King David Room from 9am-3:30pm

**Membership Sunday** will be Easter Sunday, April 20

## **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.

**With one month to go in the 2024-2025 “church year,” operating Income continues to run behind budget by about 9%. Income through March 31: \$124,535.00. Income needed through March 31 to make budget: \$137,329.00.**

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## **Easter Plant Memorials**

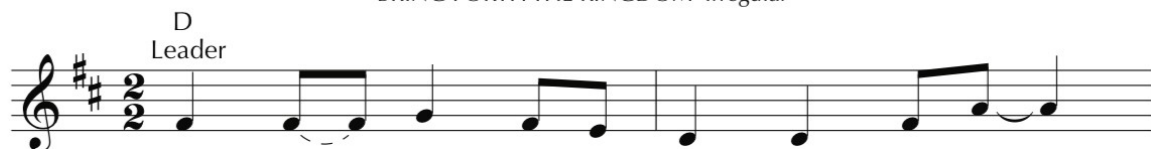
If you would like to contribute an Easter plant in memory of a loved one for our Easter Sunday service please notify the Church Office by 12 noon on April 16 so that names can be included in the Easter bulletin. Plants should be brought to the Church Center on Thursday 4/17 or Friday 4/18 from 1-4p, or to the Sanctuary on Saturday 4/19 at 1pm. Contact Vivian Rivers if you have questions 585.590.7164.

## **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.

# 297 You Are Salt for the Earth

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM Irregular



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple,  
 4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,



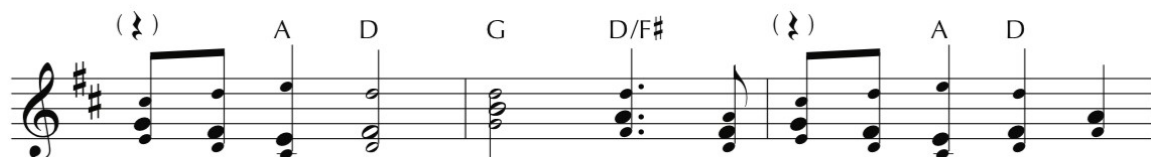
salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
 light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
 bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
 bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
 bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
 love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace. Bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!



The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a half note G4 (labeled 'Am7'), followed by a quarter note A4 (labeled 'D'), and a quarter note B4. A bar line follows. The second measure contains a half note G4 (labeled '1, 3' above and 'G' below), tied to a half note G4 in the third measure (labeled 'C/G' above and 'G' below). The fourth measure contains a whole rest (labeled 'G' above). The fifth measure contains a whole rest (labeled 'C/G' above). A repeat sign (double bar line with two dots) follows. The final measure of the system contains a half note G4 (labeled '2, 4, 5' above and 'G' below), tied to a half note G4 in the next system.

need.  
praise.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pas-

- sion, we pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like

rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a

flame.

**4** To verses Last time Em D G





# 474 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ALL WHO HUNGER 8.7.8.7 D

G2 D/G C/G G G/B  
 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly  
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er,  
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus

C Am7 D sus D G2 D/G  
 man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -  
 be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -  
 Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -

C/G G G/B C Am7  
 ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be  
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the  
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been

D sus D F Em7 F C maj7  
 fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,  
 feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered  
 led. Blest are those who from this ta - ble

Am7 G/B C D sus D Am7/D  
 all a - round us is our food.  
 in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain G D/G C/G G sus G G/B G  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and

F Am7 Am7/D G D/G C/G C/D G  
 see that God is good.



# 773 Ubi caritas et amor

TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS Irregular

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (B) D (E) G (A) C

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

Translation: Where charity and love are found, God is there.

Verses can be found in the accompaniment edition.

Text: Latin; "Ubi caritas et amor," 8th–9th c.

Music: Jacques Berthier (France), *Music from Taizé*, vol. 1, 1978, 1980, 1981, © 1979 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

