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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 11, 2025

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

**Teach me, Lord, how to be still. Like a Good Shepherd, lead me beside still waters.
Quiet my soul. Bring order and calm to the chaos in my mind, so that I can spend
time in quiet and joyful meditation with You.**

PRELUDE

Come, Creator Spirit
by Samuel Scheidt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy One is our shepherd— not empire, not fear, not scarcity.

People: We shall not want. We are held in holy care.

Leader: God makes us lie down—not in exile, but in enoughness. Leads us beside waters that remember our name.

People: Our souls are restored. We are re-membered from disconnection.

Leader: Even when we walk through the shadowed valleys— of loneliness, of violence, of uncertainty—

People: We will not be afraid. The Shepherd walks with us still.

Leader: A table is prepared in the face of every Pharaoh, a feast of memory, of justice, of belovedness.

People: Our cups overflow with courage. Mercy follows us like a rhythm of hope.

All: Let us worship the Shepherd of Liberation. Let us walk through the gate of care. Let us gather in the house of God—together, again, and always.

*** GATHERING HYMN #660**

The Lord's My Shepherd

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

***HYMN OF THE MONTH #9**

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Meditation

by Charles-Marie Widor

***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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Beverly Snyder

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

(pen Bible p. 476, 933)

MEDITATION

Poor, Wayfaring Stranger

African-American spiritual arr by Calvin Taylor

SERMON

“The Gate of Care: Shepherding in the Shadow of Empire”

Rev. Roberto Ché Espinoza, PhD

***CLOSING HYMN #428**

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 773**

Ubi Caritas

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart
African-American spiritual arr by Chuck Marohnic

Serving Today

Lay LeaderDave Porter
Greeter(s)Chloe Sucena
Altar Flowers.....Sharon Burdick
Coffee Hour.....Ninos
Keyboards.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Meacham
Zoom Hosts Jim Ninos

May Leadership: Elder:-H. Meacham, **Trustee-** Jim Ninos, **Deacon** -Regina Burke, **Fellowship-** Sharon Burdick, **Christian Ed-**Mary Perkins.

Meetings

Tuesdays, Exercise with Jan Porter.

Announcements

- If you are interested in scheduling a time to meet with Rev. Roberto, please fill out a sign-up card (which can be found in the pews) or through this digital form. Roberto will start holding weekly office hours from 2-4p on Thursdays.

You can scan this QR Code to request a meeting.



- On May 18th, next Sunday, coffee hour will take place at the entrance of the church, not in the King David Room. The Annual Meeting will be held in the sanctuary afterwards.
- The Diaconate has assigned Greeters and Coffee Hosts through October. There are some slots still open. If you would be able to fill an empty post, please contact Regina Burke or sign up on the bulletin board in the Church Center.

You can also volunteer your time for other opportunities to serve the church through the Stewardship Forms (in the back of the sanctuary).

- This year 2 members of our youth are graduating high school from Alfred Almond Central School, Jackson Jusaniec and Lillie Perkins! These seniors will be recognized during the service on June 8th. If church members have memories of Jackson and/or Lillie during church or any other inspirational words that will be shared with them during this exciting transition in their lives! You can email Mary Perkins at perkinma3@alfredstate.edu or call/text 607-281-8843.

660 The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND CM

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F (G) B \flat (D/A) F/C (A) C (D) F

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want. He
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

(E7) G7 (A) C (D) F (A) C

1 makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 2 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 3 will I fear none ill, for thou art with me
 4 pres - ence of my foes. My head thou dost with
 5 sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (D/A) F/C (A) C (D) F

1 lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 2 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 3 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 4 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 5 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: based on Psalm 23; *The Psalms of David in Meeter* (Scotland), 1650

Music: Jessie S. Irvine (Scotland), 1872; harm. and adapt. David Grant (England), *The Northern Psalter*, 1872

9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CIVILITY 8.7.8.7 D

D A/C# Bm G

1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still-ness of God's peace;
2 In the pas-tures of God's good-ness we lie down to rest our soul,

D A/C# Bm F#m

from our vain am-bi-tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
from the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep-ly, are made whole.

A D F#m Bm G

Come a - way from noise and clam-or, life's de-mands and fren-zied pace;
At the ta - ble of God's pres-ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.

A D A/C# Bm G D

come to join the peo-ple gath-ered here to seek and find God's grace.
With the oil of God's a - noint-ing in - to ser-vice we are led.



428 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

God whose grace shall nev - er cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. This the world shall

Mak - er's glo - ry— pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— friend and strang - er, guest and host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 see re - flect - ed: God is One and One in Three.

Alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE (#265 or #705)

Text: Iona Community (Scotland), 1985, alt., © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

Music: John Goss (England), *The Supplemental Hymn and Tune Book*, 1869

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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.

The musical score is written for guitar in 2/4 time. It features two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are '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.)

