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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

#### PRELUDE

Evensong  
*by M E Bossi*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP #851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing, to service and solidarity;

**People: Jesus calls us to love.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**People: Jesus calls us to justice.**

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

**All: We worship together with joy.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN #34

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **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**

### **POEM**

#### **The Peace of Wild Things**

*By Wendell Berry*

### **RESPONSIVE READING #864**

Leader: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator, recalling that Christ is the center of creation and our lives as Christians. As we face east, the direction of the rising sun, we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world and for new beginnings.

**All: Help us to be honest with you and others and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face south, where we receive warmth, we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world and for the call to be humble.

**All: Enable us to walk good paths, to live as family should, and, with you, to renew the face of the earth. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face west, where we receive teachings of faith, we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world and purifying and fruitful waters.

**All: Sustain us and the earth through your Holy Spirit, and give us faith as strong as the rock. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow, we offer thanks for the plant world, and for kindness and wisdom.

**All: Breathe your strength and endurance into us, and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face center: from above comes the unconditional love of God. From the earth comes the gift of life.

All: We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle. We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior. As we walk on this earth, may we learn together and celebrate the way of peace, harmony, and tranquility. We give thanks to you, O God.

**READING**

The Imitation of Christ  
*by Mother Theresa*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY**

Adoration  
*by Th. Dubois*

**\*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**

In the Garden  
*Colleen Sarnicola-Moon*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-45**  
*(pp. 847, 848)*

**\*HYMN #297**

**You Are Salt for the Earth**

**MEDITATION**

Sometimes I Feel Like a Moanin’ Dove  
*African-American spiritual arr by Calvin Taylor*

**READING**

Kingdom from “Searching for Sunday”  
*by Rachel Held Evans*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #533**

**Quietly, Peacefully**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 773**

**Ubi Caritas**

**POSTLUDE**

We Shall Overcome  
*African-American spiritual arr by Chuck Marohnic*

### Serving Today

Lay Leader .....Nancy Evangelista  
Greeter(s) .....Amie Acton  
Altar Flowers.....Nancy Evangelista  
  
Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Board  
Keyboards.....Laurel Buckwalter  
  
Usher.....Perkins  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

### Looking Ahead – May 25

Lay Leader ..... Amie Acton  
Greeter(s) .....Flint / Wilson  
  
Altar Flowers..... Amie Acton  
  
Coffee Hour..... Flint / Wilson  
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

- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, TODAY, 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](mailto:perkinma3@alfredstate.edu) or call/text 607-281-8843.

# 34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

KREMSER 12.11.12.11

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our an - ces - tors' sto - ries,  
 3 With voic - es u - ni - ted, our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest, com - pan - ion and guide.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing,

we bless your ho - ly name: — glad prais - es we sing,  
 but faith - ful to your prom - ise, you walk by our side.  
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Text: Julia Cory (USA), *Hymns of the Living Church*, 1910, alt.

Music: *Niederlandische Gedonckclanck* (present-day Netherlands), 1626; adapt. Eduard Kremser (Austria), *Sechs altniederländische Volkslieder*, 1877

# 9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CIVILITY 8.7.8.7 D

D A/C# B m 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# B m 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 B m 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# B m 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.





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## Quietly, Peacefully

NEW WORLD (Dvořák) Irregular

Refrain

C

Dm7/C

G/C

Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly let me rest in you.

Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly lead me back to you.

Verses

1 Lov - ing wis - dom, you a - lone, know all I can be.  
 2 In the night I call to you; can you hear my cry?  
 3 Heal - ing grace, take my pain, guard me night and day.  
 4 Breathe your law deep in me, plant it in my soul.

You, the hope my spir - it seeks, come and set me free.  
 Sad and fear - ful, still I plead: do not pass me by.  
 Show - er me with your love, wash my tears a - way.  
 Let your jus - tice be my song, kind - ness be my goal.

Text: Lori True (USA)

Music: Antonín Dvořák (present-day Czech Republic/USA), 1893; adapt. Lori True

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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.

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.)

