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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP #902

Leader: Praise to God who has given us life.

People: Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Leader: Praise to God who forgives our sin.

People: Blessed be God who sets us free.

Leader: Praise to God who kindles our faith.

People: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

***GATHERING HYMN #32**

God Welcomes All

PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Prelude in C
J.S. Bach

***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 #605**

How Can I Keep from Singing

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34
(Pew Bible page # 963-64)

MEDITATION

Passages
By Michael Leisure

SERMON

"Guilty of Being Anti-Empire"
Marc Smithers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION #938

Leader: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love, for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me, create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

This month we celebrate communion in the "altar" tradition. Please come forward when the usher

invites you. Take and eat the bread. We offer both gluten free vegan crackers and regular bread. After eating the bread, move to the right or to the left, take a cup of juice and drink it. After you drink the juice, place the empty cup in the tray provided on the left or right. Once you have placed your empty cup in the tray, return to your pew using the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, indicate to the usher that you would like communion brought to you by an Elder. Our church practices open communion. Anyone who wishes to partake in the Lord's Supper is invited to do so.

Words of Institution
Sharing the Lord's Table together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: In peace let us pray:

All: O God, we give you thanks for uniting us with joy at this table. Lead us toward the unity of your church and help us treasure signs of reconciliation. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your heavenly city. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #76**

Holy, Holy, Holy

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 773**

Ubi Caritas

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Serving Today

Guest PreacherMarc Smithers

Lay Leader.....Vivian Rivers

Greeter(s)Bond Family

Coffee Hour.....Hluchy / Burke

Piano.....Peter O'Connor

Usher.....Deb Stephens

Zoom HostsJim Ninos

Looking Ahead – June 8

Guest PreacherTBD

Lay Leader.....Catherine Chambers

Greeter(s)Shaune Henry

Coffee Hour.....Mary Smith

Piano.....Peter O'Connor

Usher.....TBD
Zoom HostsJim Ninos

June Leadership: Elder:-B. Heineman, **Trustee-** Michele Hluchy, **Deacon** -Regina Burke,
Fellowship- TBD, **Christian Ed-**TBD.

Meetings

Fellowship Board Committee meeting right after church on Sunday, June 1.

Announcements

- There will be a Potluck Lunch after church on June 15th. Please contact Cindy Tucker at (607) 368-6431 or ckaytucker@gmail.com to let us know what you will bring.
- We are looking for more volunteers for Lay Leaders, Coffee Hour Hosts, Greeters and Altar Flowers. If you would be able to fill an empty post, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Church Center. Or contact the Church Office.
- 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.
- Union University Church: A Living History 1996-2022 , will be available this Sunday. To help defray the cost of this well-done document, the Trustees suggest that a donation of \$10 would be appreciated. With only 50 copies available, one copy will be available for each family. You can find copies in the back of the sanctuary.
- Prospective new UUC members should attend the Diaconate meeting on June 2nd at 7pm at the Church Center.
- At their organizational meeting, the Trustees passed a resolution to eliminate Venmo and tithe.ly giving beginning July 1, 2025. UUC Trustees know that these two ways of giving charge fees for their use. At this time, the UUC operating budget could use all contributions. Please consider other options: checks, cash, or arrange for your bank or credit union to send a monthly check to UUC at no charge to the donor.

God Welcomes All / Amen 32

AMEN THEMBA Irregular

G Em D Am D7 G

A: God wel - comes all, stran - gers and friends;
 B: A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

G7 Am G/D D7 G

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.
 A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: John L. Bell (Scotland)
 Music: South African traditional; transcr. John L. Bell
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My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8,7,8,7 with refrain

G C G D

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die, I know my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

G C G D G

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain G D Em G D G

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

G C G D G

Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry's Bright Jewels for the Sunday School (USA), 1869, alt.
 Music: Robert Lowry's Bright Jewels for the Sunday School, 1869, refrain arr. © 1989 Hymnal: A Worship Book, alt.

PRAISING: Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA 11.12.12.10

Descant, verse 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,

on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Text: Reginald Heber (England), A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Banbury, 1826
Music: John B. Dykes (England), Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861; desc. Godfrey Hewitt (Canada), ca. 1971, © 1971 Godfrey Hewitt

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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.)