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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4, 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

Calvary

*African American spiritual arranged by Richard Billingham*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather around the story that set our ancestors free. The God who passed over death.  
The people who rose into liberation.

**People: We come as Passover people, still walking out of empire, still learning to trust  
freedom.**

Leader: We come to the table where Jesus sat — a table of memory, of courage, of breaking and  
blessing.

**People:** We come to remember the story that lives in our bones and our breath.

Leader: Let us tell the truth, eat the bread, drink the cup,  
and rise again into the world that is still being made new.

**All:** Let us worship the God of exodus, the Christ of the table, the Spirit of liberation still blowing wild.

**\* GATHERING HYMN #10**

**Here in This Place**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER**

*(Sung, see inside back cover of hymnal)*

### **\*HYMN OF THE MONTH #9**

**Come Away from Rush and Hurry**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

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### **OFFERTORY**

Out of the Depth I Cry, Lord, to Thee  
*Christian Geist*

### **\*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.

### **SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 12:1–14, Luke 22:7–20  
*(pew Bible p.#55, 916)*

### **MEDITATION**

Love Unknown  
*Melody by John Ireland, arranged by Francis Jackson*

## SERMON

Series: Seasons of Liberation: Following Jesus the Jew  
Rev. Roberto Ché Espinoza, PhD

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Liberating God, you call us out of empire, but we cling to what is familiar. You lay a table of justice and memory, but we forget who we are.

**All: Forgive us, O God, for the ways we dis-member the body —our own, our neighbor's, your beloved world. Forgive us when we turn sacred meals into rituals of exclusion. Forgive us when we sit at tables that do not welcome the stranger. Re-member us. Call us back. Make us Passover people again. Amen.**

## \*COMMUNION HYMN #474

**All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*In recognition of the various backgrounds of our members, our service of communion alternates monthly between the chalice tradition where people come forward and the pew tradition. 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

Sharing the Lord's Table Together

## \*CLOSING HYMN #345

**The Risen Christ**

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 773

**Ubi Caritas**

## POSTLUDE

**Wade in the Water**

*African American spiritual arranged by Chuck Marohnic*

## Serving Today

Lay Leader .....Heather Meacham  
Greeter(s) .....Mary Smith  
Coffee Hour.....Porter  
Keyboards.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Usher.....Meacham  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

## **Meetings**

Tuesdays, Exercise with Jan Porter

UUC trustees are calling a brief informational meeting for today, Sunday, May 4, right after church, in the sanctuary, to alert the congregation to financial concerns related to formulating a budget for the coming year. More discussion and decisions will happen at the annual meeting on May 18.

## **Announcements**

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.

This year 2 members of our youth are graduating high school from Alfred Almond Central School, Jackson Jusianiec 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.

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## Here in This Place

GATHER US IN 10.9.10.10 D



1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the  
 4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:  
 light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing  
 make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen (USA), 1981, *Gather*, 1988, alt.Music: Marty Haugen, 1981, *Gather*, 1988

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# 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.

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# 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.





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## The Risen Christ

UPPER ROOM 10.10.10.10



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der-stand,  
 with the op-pressed in this and ev - ery land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wav - ers, who dare not be - lieve,  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bles - sing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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# 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.)

