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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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:perkinma3@alfredstate.edu">perkinma3@alfredstate.edu</a> or call/text 607-281-8843.

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### Here in This Place



- 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-ished 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 the light of you in light the called to be to chil - dren of God, be to now is the dawn-ing and now is

light of this day.
whole hu - man race.
salt for the earth.
now is the day.



Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, in, our Gath-er in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er the us in, Give us to drink the wine ev - er flow-ing, give us the to eat and hold us for - ev - er; us in gath-er 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; you. Nour-ish us well, and bread that is 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 give us the cour-age to lives that are ho - ly and fire of love in our

sound of our name.
en - ter the song.
hearts that are true.
flesh and our bone.

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# 9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry



# 474 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

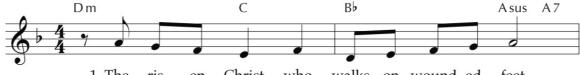


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### The Risen Christ

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



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

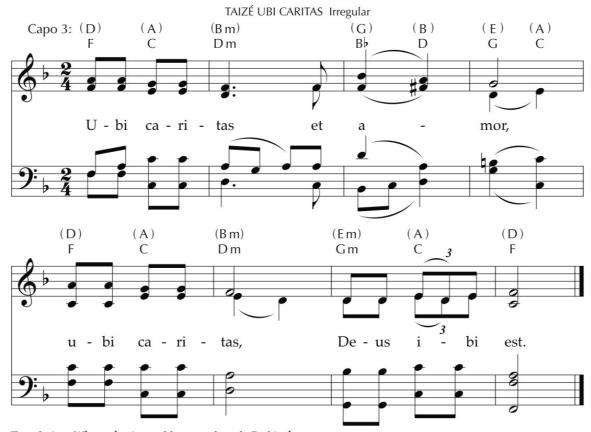


and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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# Ubi caritas et amor



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.)

