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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 12, 2025

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude *by Douglas E. Wagner*

"Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning,
Before time, before people,
Before the world began,

All: God was.

Leader: Here and now,
Among us, beside us,
Clearer than air, closer than breathing,

All: God is

Leader: In all that is to come,
When we have turned to dust
And human knowledge has been completed.

All: God will be.

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it
Through Jesus Christ,

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

HYMN OF THE MONTH #9

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

O God,

You withdraw from our sight

That you may be known by our love;

Help us to enter the cloud

Where you are hidden,

And surrender all our certainty
In the darkness of faith in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

Please join in a time of silent prayer as you listen to the meditation

Meditation: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *arr. Joel Raney*

PASTORAL 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 #715 Longing for Light**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Please consider these options: checks, cash, or arrange for your bank or credit union to send a monthly check to UUC at no charge to the donor.

OFFERTORY

Choral Prelude on "If you will only let God guide you."

Georg Neumark arr Craig Phillips

***DOXOLOGY # & BLESSING**

#71A: 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 Luke 7:18-22 *(pew Bible p.896-7)*

SERMON The Silence of God *Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson*

*** CLOSING HYMN #557 Spirit of God, Descend**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #843**

May the Peace of Christ

POSTLUDE I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Joel Raney

***Please stand as you are able.**

Note: Large print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

October Leadership: Elder:- Heather Meacham, **Trustee-** Joe Dosch **Deacon** – Nancy Evangelista **Fellowship-** Tim Nichols

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Kristina LaCelle-Peterson
Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter
Greeter(s).....Rick & Deb Stephens
Flowers.....Dave & Beth Keefer

**In memory of their mothers,
Mary Keefer & Erma Powlus**

Coffee Hour.....Anna McHale
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

This morning we welcome Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson Kristina is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church and Professor of Religion at Houghton University. She earned a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a Master and Doctor of Philosophy from Drew University Graduate School. Her book “Liberating Tradition: Women’s Identity and Vocation in Christian Perspective” was published in 2008 by Baker Academic.

Looking Ahead – October 19

Guest Preacher.....Paul Briggs
Lay Leader.....Anna McHale
Greeter(s).....Dale & Tiersa Watson
Flowers.....Tiersa Watson
Coffee Hour.....Buckwalters
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
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Upcoming Guest Preachers

Oct. 19 – Paul Briggs
Oct. 26 – Wendy Fambro
Nov. 2 – Marc Smithers

Prayer Concerns

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Hugh Langelier, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Vangelia Perryman, Esther & Marcus Epps, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bob Condrate, Joan & Brad Bowden, Luanne Crosby’s friends: Kathy Kalushka (breast cancer) & Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Steve Crandall, Clayton Stutzman is now in comfort care at Elderwood..



- **Weekly email newsletter**, *This Week@UUC* – sign up on our webpage or contact the Church Office and ask to be added to the mailing list. uucalfred@gmail.com
- **Online forum** for members to share prayer concerns and items of interest – contact Catherine Chambers to be added to the forum icatchambers@icloud.com
- **Church website** for Zoom access, church calendar, information for members, and more



Welcome Guests and Newcomers:

We extend a special welcome to newcomers and visitors and encourage you to accept a welcome packet which includes information and treats from our UUC family. One of our deacons will be sure you receive one as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

Mission of the Month: September/October



Journey's End Refugee Services

Located in Buffalo, NY, empowering refugees and immigrants by providing vital support and resources for their journey toward self-sufficiency.

2025 UUC Christmas Box Participation

If you would like to sponsor a family in our 2025 Christmas Box distribution, please give Melissa Jusianiec the following information.

Your First and Last Name

Do you plan to share your box with another UUC family?

Yes

No

Other:

Many thanks for helping make the holiday season more magical for those in our region.

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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Longing for Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 9.8.9.6 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is troub-led. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am7 Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C/G G Em Bm Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! — Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C Am7 G Am7/G G (☺) Last time

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

(☺) Last time

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Music: Bernadette Farrell

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557 Spirit of God! Descend

MORECAMBE 10.10.10

C G7 C F G7 C Am7 B

1 Spir - it of God! de - scend up - on my heart. Wean it from
 2 I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, Ho - ly One? All, all thine
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh. Teach me the
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

Em A7 G D7 G G7

earth, through all its puls - es move. Stoop to my weak - ness,
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -
 own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind. I see thy cross—there
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

C F C F C/G G7 C

might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 tant, no op-'ning skies, but take the dim-ness of my soul a - way.
 call my heart to run. Oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find!
 doubt, the re - bel sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 heav'n-de-scend-ed dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

843

キリストの平和が Kirisuto no heiwa ga (May the Peace of Christ)

KI RI SU TO NO Irregular

Capo 3: (C)
Eb

(Em7)
Gm7

(F)
Ab

*キ リ ス ト の 平 和 が わ た し た
Ki - ri - su - to no hei - wa ga, wa - ta - shi - ta -
May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of

(Em7)
Gm7

(Dm7)
Fm7

(G2)
Bb2

(C)
Eb

ち の こ こ ろ の す み ず み に ま
chi no ko - ko - ro no su - mi - zu - mi ni ma -
Christ dwell deep in your heart. May the Spir - it en-light - en your

(Em7)
Gm7

(Dm/F)
Fm/Ab

(G7)
Bb7

(C)
Eb

で ゆ き わ た り ま す よ う に
de yu - ki - wa - ta - ri - ma - su - yo - u - ni.
way. May you live in the com-fort of God's care.

*Translation: May the peace of Christ enter every corner of our hearts.

Text: Japanese; Izumi Shiota (Japan); English stanza Lori True (USA), 2008

Music: Izumi Shiota; arr. Lori True, 2008; acc. Mary Howarth (USA)

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