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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 5, 2025 – Pew Communion**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE Poor Wayfaring Stranger *arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

People: But following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

People: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #606 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung, see inside back cover of Hymnal*)

RESPONSIVE READING (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

People: It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

Leader: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

People: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;

All: For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Musical Meditation & Time of Silent Prayer

Arioso by Douglas E Wagner.

"The Lord will bless his people with peace." Psalm 29:11

UNISON PRAYER

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
And abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
Keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
Forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin
Yet by no means clearing the guilty.**

*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 Let Us Break Bread Together *arr Joel Raney*

*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 Psalm 137 (*pew Bible p. 541*)

SERMON Singing the Songs of the Lord in a Foreign Land
Dr. Marc Smithers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

People: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

People: Open to us a future in which we can be changed;

Leader: And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

All: Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #474

All Who Hunger

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

In recognition of the various backgrounds of our members, our service of communion alternates monthly between the altar 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 *Heather Meacham*

Sharing the Lord's Table Together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: In peace let us pray:

**All: Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.**

We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.

Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us.

Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy

by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #605**

My Life Flows On

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #843 May the Peace of Christ**

POSTLUDE

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

by Douglas E. Wagner

***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.....Marc Smithers
Lay Leader.....Heather Meacham
Greeter(s).....Anna McHale
Communion.....Heather Meacham (EOM)
Coffee Hour.....Mindy Smith
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead – October 12

Guest Preacher.....Kristina Lacelle-Peterson
Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter
Greeter(s).....Tiersa & Dale Watson
Flowers.....Beth Keefer
Coffee Hour.....Anna McHale
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
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Prayer Concerns

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Clayton Stutzman, 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), and Steve Crandall.

Stay Connected:

- **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 Jusaniec 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.

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CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 extended

G D G C G D7

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing wa - ters
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-

G D G Am7/C

land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 flow. Let the fier - y, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 side. Death of death and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on

G/D D G D7 G

pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of hea - ven, feed me till I
 jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er

D7 G Am7/C G/D D7 G

want no more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 strength and shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 give to thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams (Wales), "Arglwydd arwain trwy'r anialwch," *Alleluia*, 1745; trans. Peter Williams (Wales) and William Williams, *Hymns on Various Subjects*, 1771

Music: John Hughes (Wales), 1905 or 1907, *The Voice of Thanksgiving*, No. 4, 1928



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Longing for Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 9.8.9.6 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 E sus 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 E sus 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 D sus 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 D sus 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

Text: Bernadette Farrell (England)

Music: Bernadette Farrell

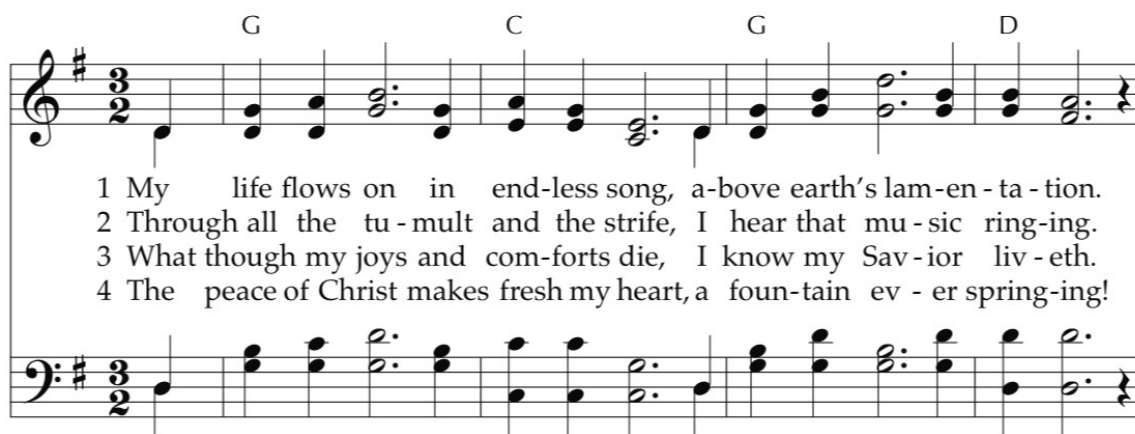
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605 My Life Flows On

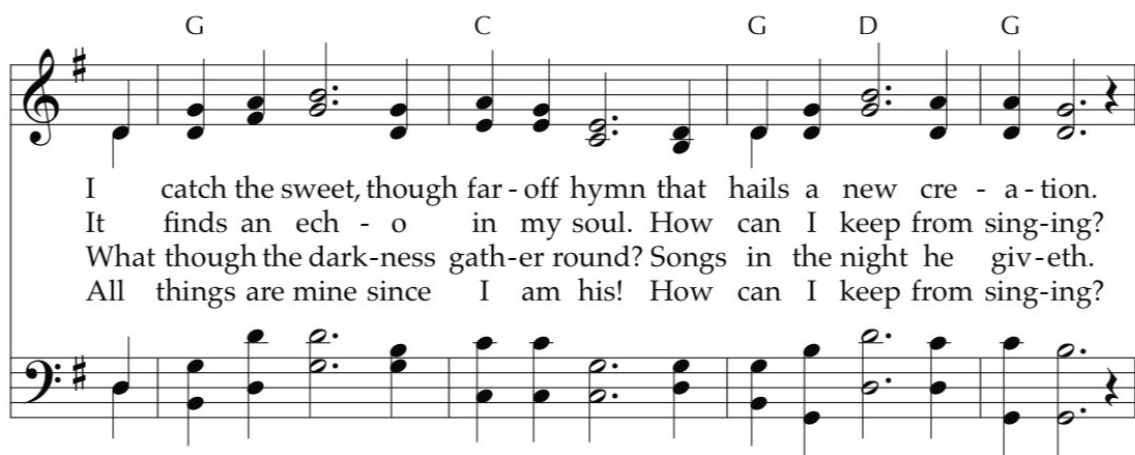
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8.7.8.7 with refrain

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.

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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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