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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 16, 2025**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God *by Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

CALL TO WORSHIP #866

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

***HYMN OF THE MONTH #122** Sing to the God of Harvest

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER #1033

Living Christ, in these times when we fear we are losing hope or feel that our efforts are futile, let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection, and let that be our source of courage and strength. With that, and in your company, help us face challenges and struggles against all that is born of injustice. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION City Called Heaven

"I heard of a city called heaven; I've started to make it my home." Spiritual, arranged by Calvin Taylor.

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 #788 The Garden Needs Our Tending Now**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established.

People: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Four Partitas on "O God, Thou Faithful God" *J S Bach*

***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.

GIFT OF MUSIC *Beautiful City from Godspell* *Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz,*

Colleen Sarnicola Moon

SCRIPTURE

OT Isaiah 65: 17-25 (*Pew Bible p. 644*)

NT 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (*Pew Bible p. 1033*)

SERMON On Earth as It Is in Heaven *Rev. Reese Nolt*

***CLOSING HYMN # 209 We Dream of a Turning**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

"Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!"

Jamaican folk tune, arr Joel Raney

Please stay for the Semi-annual Meeting following worship.

Prayer Concerns

Ding Jiayi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, 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, the family of Hugh Langelier, Jim Ryder who has been in ICU for 9 weeks (he is a friend of Michele Hluchy), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, the family of Clayton Stutzman.

We Welcome the Rev. Reece Nolt to the pulpit this morning. Reece is a pulpit supply pastor who currently tends to a flower farm near Rushford New York called Bread & Dahlias.

Reece earned their BA in photography and liberal arts in 2011 from Eastern Mennonite University, earned their Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 2019 and was ordained in 2021 in the PC(USA).

Reece's current ministry focus is Bread & Dahlias and serving on the leadership team for a new 1001 worshiping community called The Circle HBG.

November Leadership: Trustee: Joe Dosch, **Fellowship:** Sharon Burdick, **Deacon:** TBD, **Elder:** Nov. 2, Bob Heineman, Nov. 9: TBD, Nov. 16 TBD, Nov. 23, 30: Rick Stephens

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Reece Nolt
Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter
Greeter(s).....the Cartledges
Altar Flowers.....Shaune Henry
Coffee Hour.....the Tuckers
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead – November 23 – Harvest Sunday

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Greeter(s).....Burdick/Henry
Altar Flowers.....Lana Meissner
Coffee Hour.....Burdick/Henry
Keyboard.....Peter O'Connor

Usher.....John Meacham
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Upcoming Guest Preachers

Nov 23: Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Nov 30: Wendy Fambro
Dec 7: Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Dec 14: Sarah Jacoby Murphy

Greeters

Nov 23: Burdick/Henry
Nov 30: Stephens
Dec 7: TBD
Dec 14: Mary Smith

Lay Leaders

Nov 23: Meissner
Nov 30: McHale
Dec 7: Porter
Dec 14: Sharon Smith

Flowers

Nov 23: Meissner
Nov 30: Advent
Dec 7: Advent
Dec 14: Advent

Coffee Hour

Nov 23: Burdick
Nov 30: Rees
Dec 7: Buckwalter
Dec 14: Dosch/Evangelista

Usher

Nov: John Meacham
Dec: Dave Porter

Upcoming Events

Nov 16: UUC Semiannual Meeting
Nov 16: Christmas Box families distributed to sponsors
Nov 22: AA annual Gratitude Dinner
Nov 23: Harvest Sunday
Nov 23: Alfred Farmer's Market
Nov 30: Hanging of the Greens
Nov 30: Peace Lily orders due
Dec 6: Box of Books Library wreath making fundraiser
Dec 12: UUC Holiday Luncheon (*Peace* is this year's theme)
Dec 12 Christmas Boxes due at UUC
Dec 14: Christmas Box cookies due at UUC
Dec 14: Food Pantry cookies due at UUC

November Mission of the Month Habitat for Humanity

Pre-Sale Peace Lilies for \$15.00 each



To raise money this year for the church, the holiday luncheon committee has decided to sell Peace Lilies. We have 70 plants available for presale: **Orders are due Nov. 30.** We have ordered plants from East Wind Nursery. We will have them ready for pick up on Wednesday afternoon, December 10th. If you cannot pick up your plant(s)

Wednesday, you will be able to pick them up Thursday evening, December 11th between 5 – 7 PM, or at the holiday luncheon on Friday December 12th. After the presale order-by date of November 30th, any remaining lilies of the 70 offered will go on sale to the Alfred –Almond community. *From Jan Porter*

Harvest Sunday, November 23 - In the past we have made a special effort to bring non-perishable items for the food pantry on Harvest Sunday, and you are encouraged to do so again this year when the need is so great.





122 Sing to the God of Harvest

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6 D

1 Sing to the God of har - vest a song of love and praise;
 2 God gives the rain and sun - shine; the des - erts bloom and spring;
 3 Bring to the ho - ly ta - ble gifts God in good - ness gave;

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 all crea - tures leap in glad - ness; the chil - dren laugh and sing.
 the wheat of gos - pel plant - ing, the world Christ died to save;

By God's com - mand the sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with a - bun - dance; all liv - ing things in - crease;
 and bring the cup of bless - ing, the fruit of field and vine,

so thank the God of har - vest with hymns of heart - felt love.
 the year is crowned with kind - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and thank the God of har - vest who calls us now to dine.

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Music: Johann Steurlein (present-day Germany), 1575; harm. Healey Willan (Canada), 1958; © Healey Willan Society

788 The Garden Needs Our Tending Now

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE 8.6.8.6.8.8 with refrain



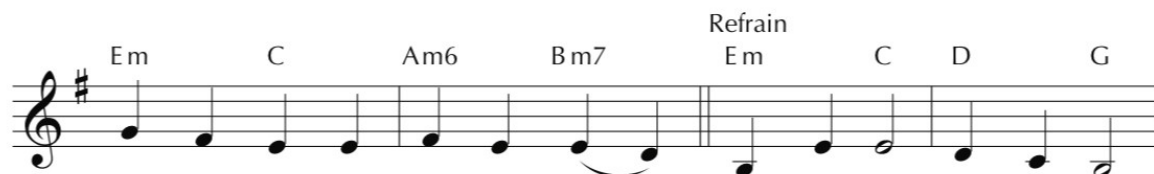
1 The gar - den needs our tend - ing now—the wa - ter, soil, and
 2 Where air and wa - ters, crys - tal bright, have now grown choked and
 3 When hu - man tribes and na - tions vie to own its fer - tile
 4 While peo - ples die in pov - er - ty, some lives are thick with



air. The ver - y rocks and stones cry out for stew - ard -
 foul, the spar-row's Mak - er mourns the loss of ea - gle,
 yield, the Psalm - ist knows the earth is God's, its full - ness,
 waste. The Proph - ets warn us: "Sim - pli - fy!" Their chal - lenge



ship and care. Cre - a - tion groans, a - wait - ing still the
 fal - con, owl. Cre - a - tion groans, its crea - tures yearn for
 grace re - vealed. Cre - a - tion groans, and pleads for hands to
 must be faced. Cre - a - tion groans, a - wait - ing still a



con - sum - ma - tion of God's will:
 wil - der - ness and peace re - turned:
 bring God's heal - ing to its lands:
 Church re - spon - sive to God's will:

Earth shall be green and new,



E - den re - stored. Ter - ra vi - ri - dis - si - ma.*

*Latin: Greenest earth. (The writer drew inspiration for this phrase from Hildegard of Bingen's *Viridissima Virga*.)



209 We Dream of a Turning

LOCH LOMOND 11.10.13.10 with refrain

C7 F Gm/F C7

1 We dream of a turn - ing from ag - es of wrong, earth to
 2 We dream of a feast where there's no one out - side, turned a -
 3 We dream of a moun - tain where no harm is done, where the

F F/E Dm Dm/C B♭ C F5 Dm

E - den re-stored, and our par - don. Like Eve and Ad - am, join in a
 way due to dif - f'rence or la - bel, when all the weap - ons forged to de -
 wolf and the lamb lie to - geth - er. A lit - tle child shall dance, lead - ing

B♭ C7 F Dm E♭ F

sto - ry and a song as we wan - der with God through the gar - den.
 stroy or to di - vide turn to rust far from God's ho - ly ta - ble.
 all the crea - tures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feath - er!

Refrain C7 F Dm Gm/B♭ C7

Where true peace is shin - ing as hate rolls a - way, see, God's

F Dm B♭ F B♭ C7 Dm F

bright new cre - a - tion is gleam - ing. The morn - ing rays that dawn on our

B♭ C7 F Dm C7 F

wea - ry, wak - ing day bring a hope far be - yond all our dream - ing.

