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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**HARVEST SUNDAY**  
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

**PRELUDE**

All Who Are Thirsty

*Brenton Brown*

**CALL TO WORSHIP #861**

Leader: Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

**People:** In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all creation is related.

Leader: You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

**All:** Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*GATHERING HYMN #123**

**Come, Ye Thankful People**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**UNISON PRAYER**

Holy One, Maker of the harvest and Giver of every good gift, we come this morning with grateful hearts. Strengthen us with the power you so freely offer, that we may grow in patience, compassion, and joy. Root us in the hope revealed in Christ, the One through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. In this season of thanks, teach us to see our lives as abundance, our work as offering, and our community as a field ready for love to grow. Gather us into your peace, and quiet our spirits now as we enter a time of silent meditation and prayer. Amen.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**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 #65

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Leader:** From the fullness of God's own glory, we are made strong—strengthened with power for the journey.

**People:** We give thanks with joy, for God has led us into the inheritance of light.

**Leader:** In Christ, all things were created—things visible and invisible, the harvest of earth and the harvest of the heart.

**People:** And in Christ, all things hold together.

**Leader:** This is the One who reconciles all creation, gathering brokenness into blessing.

**People:** In gratitude, we offer our lives, our work, and our thanksgiving.

**Leader:** Let us walk as people of hope, bearing fruit in every good work.

**All:** For we belong to the One who is before all things and through whom God's peace is sown in the world.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*(Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. 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

Circle Song

Harry Chapin

### \*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

Colossians 1:11-20 (*pew Bible p.1026*)

### SERMON

The Christ Who Is Coming, the Christ Who Has Come

*Sarah Jacoby Murphy*

### \*CLOSING HYMN #716

God of Grace and God of Glory

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #843

May the Peace of Christ

### POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away

### Serving Today

Guest Preacher .....Sarah Jacoby Murphy  
Lay Leader .....Lana Meissner  
Flowers ..... Lana Meissner  
Greeter(s) .....Burdick/Henry  
Coffee Hour.....Burdick/Henry/Grandusky  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher.....John Meacham  
Zoom Hosts ..... Jim Ninos

**Prayer Concerns:** Ding Jiaxi & 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 (he is a friend of Michele Hluchy), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, the family of Clayton Stutzman.

### Looking Ahead

#### November 30-First Sunday in Advent, Hanging of the Greens

Guest Preacher.....Wendy Fambro  
Lay Leader .....Anna McHale  
Flowers .....Advent Wreath  
Greeter(s) ..... Stephens  
Coffee Hour ..... Rees  
Piano ..... Peter O'Connor  
Usher ..... John Meacham  
Zoom Hosts .....Jim Ninos

**Peter O'Connor:** Peter will retire as our pianist next Sunday. **Please sign the card at the back of the Sanctuary today!** Next week there will be a presentation to Peter and a special coffee hour. Please sign the card at the back of the sanctuary!

**Peace Lily Pre-sale:** Orders are due November 30.

**Hanging of the Greens:** On Nov 30 following worship we will decorate the sanctuary and the Church Center for Christmas. "Many hands make light work," so if you can help it would be appreciated by all.

**Blankets for Refugees:** Please bring blankets in good condition to the Church Center to be used by Journey's End Refugee Services.

Today from 12-2 at the Joyce & Walton Center  
the Alfred Community is invited to a free, buffet style Thanksgiving dinner where each dish  
is made by an Alfred University Sports Team

# 123 Come, Ye Thankful People

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come! Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to God's praise to yield;  
 3 For our God a - gain shall come, and shall take the har - vest home,  
 4 Then, O church tri - um-phant, come. Raise the song of har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from the field shall in that day all of - fens - es cast a - way,  
 All are safe - ly gath - ered in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er doth pro - vide for our need to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 giv - ing an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in God's pre - sence to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come. Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 God of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, ten thou - sand an - gels, come! Raise the song of har - vest home.

# 65 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

Dm Gm Dm Am7 Dm

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en streams be -  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u -

Gm7 Am Bb

fear and trem - bling stand. Pon - der noth - ing  
 old on earth he stood, Lord of heav - en  
 fore him on the way, as the Light of  
 bim with sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es

F Gm Dm Am7 Dm Bb

earth - ly mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his  
 now in - car - nate in the bod - y and the  
 light de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less  
 to the Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they

Am Gm Dm Gm Dm

hand Christ our God to earth de - scend -  
 blood, he will give to all the faith -  
 day comes, that pow'rs of hell may van -  
 cry, "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -

Gm Am Dm Gm Am7 Dm

ing comes, our hom - age to de - mand.  
 ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 ish, as the shad - ows pass a - way.  
 ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

For an alternate chord progression, see "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" (#432).

Text: from the Greek "Σιγησάτω πᾶσα σὰρξ βροτεία," Liturgy of St. James of Jerusalem (Mediterranean), 5th c.; trans. Gerard Moultrie, *Lyra Eucharistica*, 2nd ed., 1864, alt.

Music: French traditional, *Chansons populaires des provinces de France*, 1860



# 716 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 extended

G D G C G D7

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to thy con -  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de -

G D G Am7/C

pow'r. Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to  
 ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to  
 trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
 plore. Let the search for thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

G/D D G D7 G

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing

D7 G Am7/C G/D D7 G

fac - ing of this hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 liv - ing of these days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.  
 miss thy king - dom's goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 thee whom we a - dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (USA), 1930, *Praise and Service*Music: John Hughes (Wales), 1905, *The Voice of Thanksgiving* no. 4, 1928