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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	

<u>Prayer Concerns</u>: 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	

<u>Peter O'Connor:</u> 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.

<u>Hanging of the Greens</u>: 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.

<u>Blankets for Refugees</u>: 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



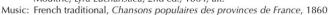
Text: based on Psalm 103; Henry Alford (England), *Psalms and Hymns*, 1844, alt. Music: George J. Elvey (England), *A Selection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1858

# 65 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



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

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





# 716 God of Grace and God of Glory



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