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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 1, 2026 – Pew Communion

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE

Katrina Von Buren

CALL TO WORSHIP #877

All: Come, Holy spirit,

Leader: enter our silences.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

All: come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting,
enter our fearing,
enter our letting go,
enter our holding back.

All: come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: embrace and free us.

***HYMN OF THE MONTH #539 God Speaks to Us**

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER # 991 *(adapted)*

All: God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Spirit,

grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

RESPONSIVE READING *(Psalm 15, adapted from The Message translation)*

Leader: God, who gets invited to dinner at your house? Who gets to eat at your table?

People: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right. Those who speak the truth from their heart.

Leader: Who gets to live in the house of God? Who gets to sleep in your guest room?

People: Those who do not tell lies about others, but take care of their friends and neighbors. Those who despise the despicable and honor the good.

Leader: Who gets to make their home in God's home? Who can call your sacred space their own?

People: Those who keep their word, even when it costs them something. Those who refuse to make money off of the poor, and who aren't motivated by self-interest.

All: Those who do those things shall never be moved.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

An offering plate is available 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

Katrina Von Buren

*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

Matthew 5: 1-12 *(Pew Bible, pp 837-8)*

SERMON Blessed Are the Peacemakers *Sarah Jacoby-Murphy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION #893

Leader: For failing to love others as you have loved us...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: For losing heart and abandoning hope...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: For all the ways we turn from you...

People: God of grace, forgive us.

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who saves us.

All: Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN #149**

Forgive, Forgive Us Holy God

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

Rick Stephens

Sharing the Lord's Table Together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING #946

Leader: In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

People: Send us to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Leader: Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

People: So, God, may we glorify you as in habitants of earth and citizens of heaven. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #714 Let There Be Light**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #690 Threefold Amen**

POSTLUDE

Katrina Von Buren

***Please stand as you are able**

Please join us across the street in the Church Center for refreshments and fellowship 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 friend: Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, Dave Porter.

February Leadership: **Trustee:** Jerry Jusianiec, **Fellowship:** Deb Stephens, **Deacon:** Jan Porter, **Elder:** Rick Stephens.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby-Murphy
Lay Leader.....Rick Stephens
Greeter(s).....Heather & John Meacham
Communion.....Rick Stephens (EOM)
Coffee Hour.....Anna McHale
Keyboard.....Katrina Von Buren
Usher.....Deb Stephens
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead – February 8

Guest Preacher.....Marc Smithers
Lay Leader.....Sharon Smith
Greeter(s).....the Meachams
Flowers.....Rees
Coffee Hour.....Elders
Keyboard.....Josh Coram
Usher.....Melissa Jusaniec Zoom
Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Upcoming Guest Preachers

Feb 8 Marc Smithers
Feb 15 Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Feb 22 Paul Briggs

Flowers

Feb 8 Rees
Feb 15 Tucker
Feb 22 Lent begins

Greeters

Feb 8 Meacham
Feb 15 McHale
Feb 22 Stephens

Coffee Hour

Feb 8 Elders
Feb 15 Burke
Feb 22 Evangelista/Dosch

Lay Leaders

Feb 8 Sharon Smith
Feb 15 Deb Stephens
Feb 22 Sharon Smith

Usher

Feb Stephens

Valentines for shut-ins and students: The diaconate is seeking the names of shut-ins and college students who might appreciate receiving a Valentine card. Please give recommendations to a member of the Diaconate: Nancy Evangelista, Regina Burke, MaryBeth McDonough, Tiersa Watson, or Jan Porter. **The deadline is Sunday morning, February 8.**



Mission of the Month for February is Comfort House of Allegany County, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation known as Hart Comfort House, offers free comfort care for those in their last three months of a terminal illness. Comfort care honors the well-being of every person and respects the dignity of human life. Hart Comfort House, designed to be a welcoming and comforting place, is an alternative to the hospital or a nursing home when a person can no longer be looked after in his or her own home.

539 God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

EVENING LIGHT 8.8.8.6

Dm F G Am Dm Bb Am

1 God speaks to us in bird and song, in winds that
 2 God speaks to us in far and near, in peace of
 3 God speaks to us in dark - est night, by qui - et
 4 O Voice di-vine, speak un - to me, be - yond the

Dm G A Bb F

drift the clouds a - long, a - bove the din and
 home and friends most dear, from fad - ed past and
 ways through morn - ings bright, when shad - ows fall with
 earth, be - yond the sea, and let me ech - o

C/E Dm A Bb C Dsus G/D D

toil of wrong, a mel - o - dy of love.
 pre - sent clear, a mel - o - dy of love.
 eve - ning light, a mel - o - dy of love.
 joy - ful - ly a mel - o - dy of love.

149 Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God

ROUGH SEAS LM

Capo 1: (Bm) (D) (A/C#) (Bm)
Cm Eb Bb/D Cm



1 For - give, for - give us, ho - ly God! Your
2 For - give us that our souls are numb to
3 For - give the minds no long - er shocked by
4 For - give us that our house - hold gods are
5 Give us this day the bread of peace, the

(G) (Bm) (Em/G) (F#) (Bm)
Ab Cm Fm/Ab G Cm



chil - dren call on you to hear! Our blood is on each
scenes of ter - ror, screams of pain; that while we pray "Your
home - less poor, by lives a - bused; for - give us that the
self and safe - ty, pri - vate need; for - give us all our
hands to share a com - mon good, the hearts to ache for

(D) (A) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (F#) (Bm)
Eb Bb Fm7 Eb/G Ab G Cm



oth - er's hands, we die from hun - ger, lies and fear.
king - dom come," our world is still a bat - tle plain.
earth is stacked with weap - ons wait - ing to be used.
fit - ful prayers, the to - ken gift, the to - ken deed.
jus - tice's sake, the will to stand where Je - sus stood.

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Let There Be Light

MISSIONARY CHANT LM

Capo 1: (G)
A \flat

(A m) (D)
B \flat m E \flat

1 Let there be light, O God of hosts! Let
2 With - in our pas - sioned hearts in - still the
3 Give us the peace of vi - sion clear to
4 Let woe and waste of war - fare cease, that

(E m) (G) (D) (G)
F m A \flat E \flat A \flat

there be wis - dom on the earth! Let broad hu -
calm that end - eth strain and strife. Make us your
see each oth - er's good, our own, to joy and
use - ful la - bor yet may build its homes with

(C) (G) (D7) (G)
D \flat A \flat E \flat 7 A \flat

man - i - ty have birth! Let there be deeds in - stead of boasts.
min - is - ters of life. Drive out the urge to curse and kill.
suf - fer not a - lone: the love that casts a - side all fear.
love and laugh - ter filled! God, give your way - ward chil - dren peace!

Alternate tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (#71)