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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 11, 2026
Altar Communion**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE Berceuse *by Louis Vierne* *Josh Coram*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Create new opportunities for us, O God, to explore and live this adventure of life in bold and daring ways, in which new insights may unfold for us.

**People: Grant us the fullness of life by living for others,
as You taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves,**

Leader: but most of all, may our story be about You, about Your love for us, and what Your love for us calls us to do.

All: In the name of Christ, who writes the new ending and beginning, we pray.

***HYMN OF THE MONTH #25**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER -LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung, see inside back cover of hymnal*)

RESPONSIVE READING (*shared with us by Laurel Buckwalter*)

Leader: God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

People: May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Leader: Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

People: May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Leader: Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

People: May we welcome your lavish love. May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.

All: May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in the days ahead.

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 Pastorale by Charles Wesley Jr Josh Coram

***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 Matthew 3:13-17 (*pew Bible p. 837*)

SERMON The Beloved One Sarah Jacoby-Murphy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves.

People: We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us.

Leader: We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith.

People: We care for ourselves but not for others.

All: Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN #123**

Come, Ye Thankful People

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

This month we celebrate "altar communion" by asking people to come forward to take the bread and cup when the usher invites you. Take and eat a piece of bread. After eating the bread, move to the right or to the left, take a cup of juice and drink it. After you drink the juice, place the empty cup in the tray provided on the left or right. Once you have placed your empty cup in the tray, return to your pew using the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, indicate to the usher that you would like communion brought to you by an Elder.

Our church practices open communion. Anyone who wishes to join in the Lord's Supper is invited to do so

Words of Institution

Sharing the Lord's Table Together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you Lord with hearts full of

anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment. Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year—the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges.

Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope. As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We thank you for the lessons and blessings of the past and look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the future holds.

All: In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way.

***CLOSING HYMN # 98**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 690**

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE Praeludium in C *by Dieterich Buxtehude*
Josh Coram

***Please stand as you are able.**

Note: Large print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.



Please join us for refreshments across the street in the Church Center immediately 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), the Langelier family, the Stutzman family, Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, Joe Fasano as he relocates to CT to be with his daughter. Her address is c/o Kate Foster, 10 Monroe St. #515, Norwalk, CT 06854. Dave Porter as he recovers from surgery to repair a quadricap separation due to a fall. If you would like to send a card, his address is 1483 River Rd, Wellsville, NY 14895.

January Leadership: Trustee: Dale Watson, Fellowship: Sharon Burdick, Deacon: MaryBeth McDonough, Elder: Cathy Rees.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader..... TBD
Greeter(s).....TBD
Communion.....Cathy Rees (EOM)

Coffee Hour.....Edwards/Ninos
 Keyboard.....Josh Coram
 Usher..... Mary Perkins
 Zoom Host.....Jim Ninos

Serving Sunday, January 18, 2026

Guest Preacher.....Paul Briggs
 Lay Leader.....Sharon Smith
 Greeter(s).....Tim Nichols
 Flowers.....Mary-Lou Cartledge
 Coffee Hour.....Catherine Chambers
 Keyboard.....Katrina Von Buren
 Usher.....Melissa Jusaniec
 Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Upcoming Guest Preachers

Jan 18 Paul Briggs
 Jan 25 Sarah Jacoby Murphy
 Feb 1 Sarah Jacoby Murphy

Greeters

Jan 18 Nichols
 Jan 25 Heineman
 Feb 1 TBD

Lay Leaders

Jan 18 Sharon Smith
 Jan 25 Lana Meissner
 Feb 1 Rick Stephens

Flowers

Jan 18 Cartledge
 Jan 25 Henry
 Feb 1 Communion

Coffee Hour

Jan 18 Chambers
 Jan 25 Briggs
 Feb 1 TBD

Usher

Jan 18 M. Jusaniec
 Jan 25 M. Jusaniec
 Feb 1 Stephens

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 icatchchambers@icloud.com
- **Church website** for Zoom access, church calendar, information for members, and more

25 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7 D

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor - ship; sis - ters, let us
 2 Kin - dred, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' fam - 'ly
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail - er, seek-ing grace and
 4 Let us love our God su - preme - ly, let us love each

praise our God. Will you pray with all your pow - er?
 aid - ed him. Will you help the trem-bling mourn - ers
 filled with fears? Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y,
 oth - er, too. Let us love and pray for sin - ners

Will you hear and preach the word? All is vain un -
 who are strug-gling hard with sin? Tell them all a -
 pour - ing forth a flood of tears? Breth - ren, join your
 till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us

less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down. Chris-tians,
 bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found. Chris-tians,
 cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound! Pray, oh
 home to heav - en, at his ta - ble we'll sit down. Christ will

For a lower key, see "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (#529).

Text: George Askins (USA), *Social and Camp-Meeting Hymns for the Pious*, 1817, alt.

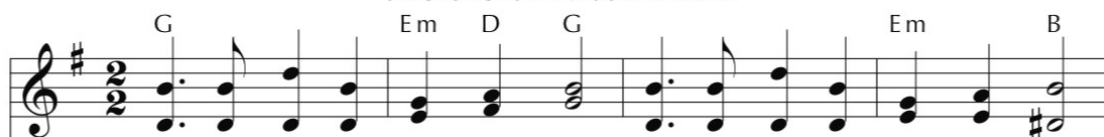
Music: *The Columbian Harmony* (USA), 1825

pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a-round.



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-phane, 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.



98 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO (JOANNA) 11.11.11.11

Capo 1: (C) D \flat (D) E \flat (G) A \flat

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Great God of all glo - ry, great God of all light,

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

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might,
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

(D) E \flat

most bless - ed, most glor - ious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Text: Walter C. Smith (Scotland), *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, 1867, alt.
 Music: Welsh traditional, *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

(C) (D) (G/D) (D7) (G)
D♭ E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭7 A♭

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

