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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 25, 2026

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

**PRELUDE**      *Ricercare by Jean Langlais*      *Josh Coram*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Prayer #915 in the hymnal

Leader: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**People: we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on a desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**People: we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: Forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

**People: we give you thanks and praise**

Leader: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God,

**All: draw near to all who call on you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #154**

**What Can I Leave Behind?**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**UNISON PRAYER (#911 in the hymnal)**

**All: Living God, by the power of your spirit, help us to hear your holy Word, that we may truly understand;**

**that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do, through Jesus Christ. Amen**

## 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 OF THE MONTH #25

**Brethren, We Have Met to Worship**

### RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 27:1, 4-9. A Psalm of David)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**People: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**People: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

**People: Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**All: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

### 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

*Josh Coram*

Offertoire, No. 3 from Ecole d'Orgue

*by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

### \*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 4:12-23 (*Pew Bible pg. 837*)

### SERMON

Leave Your Nets

*Sarah Jacoby-Murphy*

### \* CLOSING HYMN #540

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #690 Threefold Amen**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in G minor *by Pachelbel 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), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, Dave Porter.

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

### Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby-Murphy  
Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner  
Greeter(s).....Bob Heineman  
Flowers.....Shaune Henry  
Coffee Hour.....the Briggs  
Keyboard.....Josh Coram  
Usher.....Deb Stephens  
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

### Looking Ahead – February 1 -Pew Communion

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby-Murphy  
Lay Leader.....Rick Stephens  
Greeter(s).....the Meachams  
Flowers.....Communion  
Coffee Hour.....Anna McHale  
Keyboard.....Katrina Von Buren  
Usher.....Deb Stephens  
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

### Upcoming Guest Preachers      Flowers

Feb 1 Sarah Jacoby Murphy	Feb 1 Communion (pew)
Feb 8 Marc Smithers	Feb 8 Rees
Feb 15 Sarah Jacoby Murphy	Feb 15 Tucker
Feb 22 Paul Briggs	Feb 22 Lent begins

**Greeters**

Feb 1 Meacham  
Feb 8 Meacham  
Feb 15 McHale  
Feb 22 Stephens

**Lay Leaders**

Feb 1 Rick Stephens  
Feb 8 Sharon Smith  
Feb 15 Deb Stephens  
Feb 22 Sharon Smith

**Coffee Hour**

Feb 1 McHale  
Feb 8 Elders  
Feb 15 Burke  
Feb 22 Evangelista/Dosch

**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.**



**Guests and Newcomers:**

We extend a special welcome to newcomers and visitors and encourage you to accept a welcome packet which includes information and treats from our UUC family. One of our deacons will be sure you receive one as you leave the sanctuary this morning.



**Mission of the Month for January & 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.

**Offices and Sunday School located in the  
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# 154 What Can I Leave Behind

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.4.4.8

Eb Bb7 Cm7 Bb/D Eb Gm  
 1 What can I leave be - hind, what old and wea - ry  
 2 What can I claim once more? Can life re - turn from  
 3 What can I take to share a neigh - bor's crush - ing

Ab Fm Gm Cm Fsus F  
 ways that weigh up - on my mind and strain my song of  
 loss? What fu - ture lies in store if I take up my  
 load? What burd - ens can we bear to - geth - er on the

Bb Eb Db Fm Db Ab Ab/C  
 praise? God, grant re - lease from bind - ing pain  
 cross? My burd - en raised, Christ bears it, too.  
 road? We walk and pray with Christ our guide,

Eb Eb/G Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb  
 and let me gain your hope and peace.  
 In all I do, may God be praised.  
 who, by our side, will show the way.

For capo chords, see #320.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice (USA), © 2015 GIA Publications, Inc.  
 Music: John N. Ireland (England), *Songs of Praise*, 1925

# 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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes four measures of music. The first measure has a chord of E. The second measure has a chord of A. The third measure has a chord of E7. The fourth measure has a chord of A. The bass line consists of a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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## 540 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE 7.6.7.6.7.7.6

Capo 3: (D) F (A7) C7 (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (Em7/G) Gm7/Bb

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call  
 5 Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

(Asus) Csus (A7) C7 (D) F (A7) C7 (Bm) Dm (G) Bb

your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er  
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

(Em7) Gm7 (G/A) Bb/C (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb

be the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



(Em) (F#m) (G) (A7) (D)  
 Gm Am Bb C7 F

will you let my name be known, will you let my  
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

(A7) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 C7 Dm Gm C7 F

life be grown in you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 what I mean in you and you in me?  
 touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 live and grow in you and you in me.

