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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

**PRELUDE**     Meditation *by Michael Fischer*  
*Katrina Von Buren*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Hymnal#884*)

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**All: God was.**

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

**All: God is.**

Leader: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust  
and human knowledge has been completed,

**All: God will be.**

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it  
through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of Holy Spirit,

**All: God was, God is, God will be.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #25**

**Brethren We Have Met to Worship**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**UNISON PRAYER** (*Hymnal #985G*)

**All: God of grace and glory, you fling the stars into the heavens; you see every sparrow fall.  
Deepen our trust in the mystery of your power shining through Christ Jesus, that we may  
live your love for the world.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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

## RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: There is no scarcity. There is no shortage. No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world.

**People: There is enough. There is more than enough. Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.**

Leader: No one need starve. There is enough land and enough food.

**People: No one need die of thirst. There is enough water.**

Leader: No one need live without mercy. There is no end to grace.

**People: And we are all instruments of grace. The more we give it, the more we share it, the more we use it, the more God makes.**

**All: There is no scarcity of love.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider these options for supporting the work of our church: checks, cash, or arrange for your bank or credit union to send a monthly check to UUC at no charge to the donor.*

OFFERTORY Great Is Thy Faithfulness *arr Joel Raney*

*Katrina Von Buren*

## \*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

John 3:1-8 (*pew Bible p. 924*)

## SERMON

On Being Born Again *Sarah Jacoby Murphy*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Hymnal #893*)

Leader: For failing to love others as you have loved us... **People: God of grace, forgive us.**

Leader: 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 #443**

**I Have Decided To Follow Jesus**

**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** (*Hymnal#942*)

Leader: Blessed are you, Eternal God; through this holy meal you have joined us to yourself and to one another.

**People: Blessed are you, Incarnate God; you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. All: Blessed are you, Breath of God; as we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen.**

**\* HYMN OF THE MONTH #43 God Be the Love**

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** To God Be the Glory *arr Joel Raney*  
*Katrina Von Buren*

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

***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 friend: Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Joan Schulze’s niece, Marnie Johnson, Walter & Joan’s brother-in-law, Lee Richie (Stage 4 esophageal cancer), Dave Porter, the family of Sally Hopkins daughter, Ann Pfaff as her husband recovers from heart transplant surgery.

**March Leadership:** **Trustee:** Michele Hluchy, **Fellowship:** Deb Stephens, **Deacon:** Tiersa Watson, **Elder:** TBD

**Serving Today**

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy  
Lay Leader.....Tiersa Watson  
Greeter(s).....the Watsons  
Communion.....Rick Stephens & Bob Heineman  
Coffee Hour.....Catherine Chambers

Keyboard.....Katrina Von Buren  
 Usher.....John Meacham  
 Zoom Host.....Jim Ninos

**Looking Ahead – March 8**

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy  
 Lay Leader.....Anna McHale  
 Greeter(s).....Perkins  
 Flowers.....Lent  
 Coffee Hour.....Trustees  
 Keyboard.....Katrina Von Buren  
 Usher.....Mary Perkins  
 Zoom Host.....Jim Ninos

**Upcoming Guest Preachers**

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

**Flowers**

Mar 8 Lent  
 Mar 15 Lent  
 Mar 22 Lent

**Greeters**

Mar 8 Perkins  
 Mar 15 Burdick  
 Mar 22 Tucker

**Coffee Hour**

Mar 8 Trustees  
 Mar 15 Tucker  
 Mar 22 Watson

**Lay Leaders**

Mar 8 Anna McHale  
 Mar 15 Lana Meissner  
 Mar 22 Deb Stephens

**Usher**

Mar 8 Mary Perkins  
 Mar Meacham

**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.

**Lenten Project:** For this year’s Lenten Project the Elders decided on a five-week program of daily challenges focused on serving others, loving neighbors, sharing joy, bringing light, and growing in gratitude & faith. You will find “40 acts of kindness & generosity” handouts at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider doing as many activities as are appropriate for you as an individual or as a family. The Elders hope that you enjoy participating in these activities and would appreciate your feedback! Following Lent, the mission of the month will be Haiti Outreach, with more information to follow in April.

# 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 on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. 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.

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.



# 433 I Believe in God Almighty

PLEADING SAVIOR 8.7.8.7 D

1 I be - lieve in God Al - might - y, Au - thor of all  
 2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and  
 3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—  
 saints with - in one Church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's Son,  
 True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the  
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's re - sur -

Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the  
 third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as -  
 rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the

Text: based on Apostles' Creed (Mediterranean), ca. 4th c.; Sylvia G. Dunstan (Canada), *In Search of Hope and Grace*, alt., © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Music: American traditional (USA), *Christian Lyre*, 1831; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

C G D G C D G

Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun-dant life.  
cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Above the treble staff, guitar chords are indicated: C, G, D, G, C, D, G. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun-dant life. cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save. life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed."



no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
*T' áá' éí doo - da, T' áá' éí doo - da.*

no turn-ing back,  
*T' áá' éí doo - da,*

## Cantonese

1  
 我已經決定要跟隨耶穌，  
 我已經決定要跟隨耶穌，  
 我已經決定要跟隨耶穌，  
 永不回頭，永不回頭！

2  
 十架在前面世界在背後，  
 十架在前面世界在背後，  
 十架在前面世界在背後，  
 永不回頭，永不回頭！

3  
 雖無人同走我仍要跟隨，  
 雖無人同走我仍要跟隨，  
 雖無人同走我仍要跟隨，  
 永不回頭，永不回頭！

## Thai

1  
 ฉันตัดสินใจแล้ว จะตามพระเยซู  
 ฉันตัดสินใจแล้ว จะตามพระเยซู  
 ฉันตัดสินใจแล้ว จะตามพระเยซู  
 ไม่หันกลับเลย ไม่หันกลับเลย

2  
 กางเขนอยู่เบื้องหน้า ทั้งโลกไว้เบื้องหลัง  
 กางเขนอยู่เบื้องหน้า ทั้งโลกไว้เบื้องหลัง  
 กางเขนอยู่เบื้องหน้า ทั้งโลกไว้เบื้องหลัง  
 ไม่หันกลับเลย ไม่หันกลับเลย

3  
 แม้ใครไม่ไปด้วย ฉันก็จะตามไป  
 แม้ใครไม่ไปด้วย ฉันก็จะตามไป  
 แม้ใครไม่ไปด้วย ฉันก็จะตามไป  
 ไม่หันกลับเลย ไม่หันกลับเลย

## Cantonese transliteration

1  
 Ngo ji ging kyut ding jiu gan ceoi je sou,  
 ngo ji ging kyut ding jiu gan ceoi je sou,  
 ngo ji ging kyut ding jiu gan ceoi je sou,  
 wing bat wui tau, wing bat wui tau!

2  
 Sap gaa zoi cin min sai gaai zoi bui hau,  
 sap gaa zoi cin min sai gaai zoi bui hau,  
 sap gaa zoi cin min sai gaai zoi bui hau,  
 wing bat wui tau, wing bat wui tau!

3  
 Seoi mou jan tung zau ngo jing jiu gan ceoi,  
 seoi mou jan tung zau ngo jing jiu gan ceoi,  
 seoi mou jan tung zau ngo jing jiu gan ceoi,  
 wing bat wui tau, wing bat wui tau!

## Thai transliteration

1  
 Čan tadšinci lâw ca tāmph ra yesū,  
 čan tadšinci lâw ca tāmph ra yesū,  
 čan tadšinci lâw ca tāmph ra yesū,  
 mī hān klāb ley mī hān klāb ley.

2  
 Kāngkhen xyū beūxngĥnā thīng lok wī  
 beūxngĥlang,  
 kāngkhen xyū beūxngĥnā thīng lok wī  
 beūxngĥlang,  
 kāngkhen xyū beūxngĥnā thīng lok wī  
 beūxngĥlang,  
 mī hān klāb ley mī hān klāb ley.

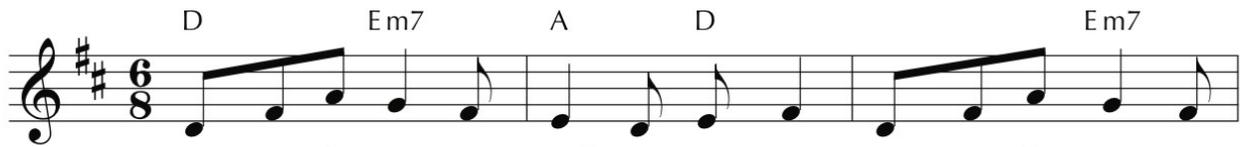
3  
 Māe khir mī pī đwy čan k ca tām pi,  
 māe khir mī pī đwy čan k ca tām pi,  
 māe khir mī pī đwy čan k ca tām pi,  
 mī hān klāb ley mī hān klāb ley.



## 43

## God, Be the Love

GREEN TYLER 9.8.9.5.5



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly; great cloud of wit - ness -  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light; flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eye of all who see me; Christ in the ear that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph-ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind; depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove and al - ways,  
 hears my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur - round me, O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: based on the "Prayer of St. Patrick" (Ireland), 5th c.; Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (USA)

Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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