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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 3, 2026**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE Andante from Sonata no 6 *Felix Mendelssohn*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to learn the Way

People: by walking in Jesus's footsteps.

Leader: We have come to hear the Truth

People: by listening to Jesus's words.

Leader: We have come to find Life

**People: and to live life abundantly, giving and receiving,
receiving and giving, in the way of Jesus.**

***GATHERING HYMN #10 Here in this Place**

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

When our hearts are troubled and our minds are afraid, we remind one another of Jesus's words: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING (*after Psalm 31*)

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge. Do not let us be put to shame.

People: When we were children, we ran to our parents for comfort. Now, with hearts like children, we look up at You when we fall. We trust that Your ear is tuned to our cry.

Leader: You are the loving mother who scoops us up, You are the loving father who carries us when the journey feels too long.

People: You are our rock and our refuge, and our days are in your hands. Let your face shine upon us, save us in your steadfast 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

Shall We Gather at the River *arr. Bradley Sowash*

*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.**

*HYMN OF THE MONTH # 175

Planets Humming as They Wander

SCRIPTURE John 6:5-11 & 14:1-9 (*pew Bible pp 927-8, 938*)

SERMON What Is Enough? *Sarah Jacoby Murphy*

*COMMUNION HYMN #465 Prepare a Room for Me

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

RESPONSIVE COMMUNION PRAYER # 941

Sharing the Lord's Table Together

UNISON PRAYER (*Hymnal #942*)

All: Blessed are you, Eternal God; through this holy meal you have joined us to yourself and to one another. Blessed are you, Incarnate God; you have put your life into our hand; now we put our lives into yours. Blessed are you, Breath of God; as we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #605 My Life Flows On

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #841

As You Go Out from Here

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

***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 friend: Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Joan Schulze’s niece, Marnie Johnson, Walter & Joan’s brother-in-law, Lee Richie, Karrie Edwards, Mary-Lou Cartledge, Dick Lang, Stu Smith, the Buckwalter family on the death of John’s older brother.

May Leaders: Trustee: TBD; **Elder:** Heather Meacham; **Fellowship:** Dave Porter **Deacon:** TBD

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader.....Heather Meacham
Greeter(s).....Briggs
Flowers.....Communion
Coffee Hour.....Fellowship
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Mary Perkins
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos/John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead – May 10

Guest Preacher.....Marc Smithers
Lay Leader.....TBD
Greeter(s).....Evangelista/Dosch
Flowers.....TBD
Coffee Hour.....Porters
Keyboard.....Katrina Kaufman
Usher.....Mary Perkins
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Upcoming Guest Preachers

May 10 Marc Smithers
May 17 Sarah Jacoby Murphy

Greeters

May 10 Evangelista/Dosch
May 17 McDonough

Lay Leaders

May 10 TBD
May 17 Dave Porter

Flowers

May TBD
May 17 Hope Briggs

Coffee Hour

May 10 Porter
May 17 Buckwalter

Usher

May 10 Mary Perkins
May 17 John 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.



Matthew 25 Ministries is our May Mission of the Month.

Matthew 25 is an organization committed to helping the poorest of the poor in the United States and throughout the world. From their website: “We accept monetary donations and product donations of misprinted, slightly damaged, over-stocked or gently used supplies from corporations, organizations and individuals nationwide. We also supplement outside donations by manufacturing, assembling and blending products in-house including school notebooks, pencils, rice-soy meals, and paint. With the help of our volunteers, these goods are processed at our over 300,000 square-foot Processing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio and then shipped via forty-foot seagoing containers and by semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims.”

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Here in This Place

GATHER US IN 10.9.10.10 D



1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the
 4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:
 light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.
 now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing
 make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

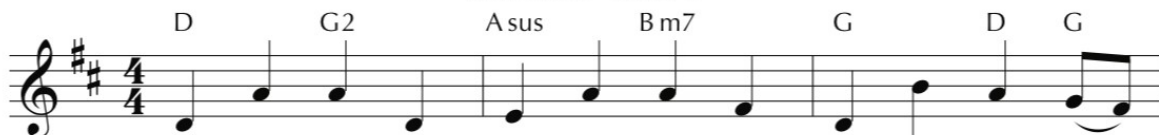
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175 Planets Humming as They Wander

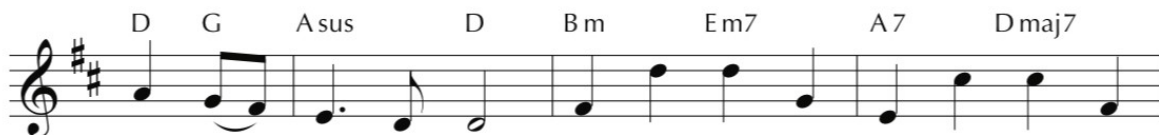
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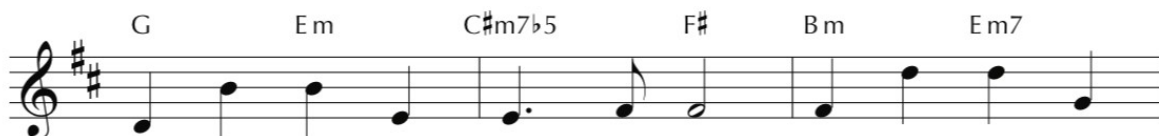
1 Plan - ets hum - ming as they wan - der, stars a - flame with
 2 At - oms quiv - ring deep in - side us, cells a - buzz with
 3 Hu - man voic - es praise our Mak - er, part of the cre -



si - lent song: gal - ax - ies that spin on, end - less; me - lo -
 en - er - gy. Par - ti - cles are chant - ing psalms in ti - ny,
 at - ted choir: rum - bling tones of space be - low us, neu - tron's



dies a - far but strong. God's cre - a - tion tunes its car - ol,
 ho - ly syn - er - gy. All these mol - e - cules pro - vide us
 des - cant ev - er higher. Hymns a - rise from all a - round us,



far be - yond our mor - tal gaze. Heav'n - ly bod - ies
 pat - terns of the craft of God, of - f'ring up me -
 thank - ful praise our whole life long, to the One who



help us lis - ten to the bound - less song of praise.
 lo - dic first - fruit, grate - ful hymns which leave us awed.
 made us, knows us, Au - thor of the end - less song!



465 Prepare a Room for Me

SOUTHWELL SM

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (B) C (Em) Fm

1 "Pre - pare a room for me, your Sav - ior,
 2 This room we have pre - pared; the ta - ble
 3 "Where e - ven two or three have come the
 4 Lord Christ, we seek the food your grace a -
 5 "My prom - ise I will keep; your hun - ger
 6 All thanks and praise to you, our Sav - ior,

Host and Priest, where I may gath - er
 now is set. We wait your prom - ised
 meal to share, un - seen, but liv - ing,
 lone can give. We come with emp - ty,
 will be fed, for in this meal I
 Lord and Friend, that through this loaf and

you, my friends, to cel - e - brate the feast."
 pres - ence, Lord, where we once more are met.
 lov - ing still, I sure - ly will be there!"
 hung'r - ing hearts that we may eat and live.
 of - fer you my - self, the liv - ing bread!"
 cup you share your love that has no end!

(D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (D7) Eb7
 (G) Ab (D) Eb (Am) Bbm (B) C (Em) Fm

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

The verses of this hymn may be sung in alternation between a soloist and the congregation.

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605 My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8.7.8.7 with refrain

G C G D

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion.
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die, I know my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

G C G D G

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain G D Em G D G

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

G C G D G

Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

841 As You Go Out from Here

SENDING SONG Irregular

Capo 3: (D) (D/F#) (G)
F F/A Bb

As you go out from here, may the Lord go
with you. The face of God shine on you ev - 'ry day.
We are sent by God wher - ev - er we are liv - ing,
salt and light as peo - ple of the Way.

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A)
F F/A Bb C

(D) (D/F#) (G) (D)
F F/A Bb F

(Em) (D) (A7) (G/D) (D)
Gm F C7 Bb/F F

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