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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

July 26, 2026

The Season of Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning after some time away, we're delighted you're here. Please stop at the back of the church after worship to receive a welcome packet and learn more about our church community.

Please join us for refreshments across the street in the

Church Center immediately following worship.

* Please stand as you are able

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Voluntary #1 *by G F Handel*

Reflection

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16

We Offer Prayers and Praise

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

A visible reminder of Christ's presence among us

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

* HYMN Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise # 98

WE CONFESS AND GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

Loving God, full of mercy. We do not deserve your grace and still you offer it as a gift. So, we humbly ask your forgiveness for all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, take possession of our hearts so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths and the smallest thoughts of our minds may be guided by you. Through Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen

GOD'S GRACE DECLARED

God Comes to Us Through the Spirit

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

SONG Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 139 (*pew Bible p. 541*); Isaiah 49: 15-16 (*p. 632*)

MESSAGE

God Knows Our Names and Calls Us Beloved

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond to God's Love with Our Lives

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

***HYMN Womb of Life and Source of Being # 112**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ending in the Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERINGS

An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary. We welcome checks, cash, or direct payment through your bank.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY #517

Children of the Heavenly Father *Swedish melody, arr Joel Raney*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, ONE.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love through Jesus Christ, Amen

God Goes with Us into the World

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 638 (vs 1, 2, and 4)

*CHARGE

As we walk together, let us encourage each other to grow in faith and character. Be reminded that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that God has a purpose for each of us. Be assured that we are deeply known and profoundly loved by God. May our lives be a testament to the greatness of God.

* GOD'S LOVING BLESSING

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon *by Andre Campra*

July Leaders: Trustee: Dale Watson; **Elder:** Bob Heineman; **Fellowship:** Dave Porter; **Deacon:** Sue Stutzman

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Sharon Smith
Greeter(s).....Bob Heineman
Flowers.....Laurel Buckwalter
Coffee Hour.....Laurel Buckwalter
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Lana Meissner
Zoom Host.....Ninos/Buckwalter

Looking Ahead – August 2, Communion

Lay Leader.....Nancy Evangelista
Greeter(s).....Sharon Smith
Flowers.....(no flowers on Communion Sunday)
Coffee Hour.....Board of Elders
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Hope Briggs
Zoom Host.....Ninos/Buckwalter

Porch Talk Wrap-Up

Next Thursday, July 30, at 10:45am will be our final Porch Talk of the summer at Rev. Eileens house. We will continue our conversation about deportation. Come join us. All are welcome.

Our Church Connections

As we live out our mission ***To serve Christ's call by loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, caring for the needy, and striving for justice everywhere***, we have recently supported the following groups and organizations working for compassion, justice, dignity, and community well-being.

AA
Alfred Area Food Pantry
Alfred area tai chi group
Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women
Allegany County Office of the Aging: Senior Luncheon Site
Allegany Senior Foundation
Christmas boxes for local families in need
Community Potluck dinners
Troop 19 Scouts
Hart Comfort House (end of life care facility)
Habitat for Humanity
Haiti Outreach
Heifer International
Journey's End Refugee Center
Knit night for local crafters
Matthew 25 Ministries (disaster relief)