

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

August 30, 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 stand as you are able

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Benediction *by Schubert* *Pat Wiggers*

We Offer Prayers and Praise

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

A visible reminder of Christ's presence among us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still/ and know/ that I am/ God.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

*** HYMN We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer # 34**

WE CONFESS AND GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

Loving God, full of mercy. We do not deserve your grace and still you offer it freely. So, we humbly ask your forgiveness for the things and actions we should not have done, and those we should have, but did not. Forgive us.

By your Spirit, take possession of our hearts so that the thoughts of our minds and actions of our lives may be guided by you. Through Christ, we pray. Amen

GOD'S GRACE DECLARED

God Comes to Us Through the Spirit

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

Song Be Still and Know # 37

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 46** (*pew Bible p. 490*)

MESSAGE Strength of a Different Kind
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond to God's Love with Our Lives

LIFE RESPONSES

*** HYMN Be Still My Soul # 664** (*verse 2 unaccompanied*)

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Chanson by Gounod* Pat Wiggers

*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. Amen**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *ending in The Lord's Prayer*

God Goes with Us into the World

* HYMN A Mighty Fortress is Our God # 421 (v.1-3)

***CHARGE**

Though this world should threaten to undo us we tremble not, for God has willed that truth will triumph through us. God's reign endures forever. Go forth in this confidence.

* GOD'S LOVING BLESSING

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God # 421 (vs 4)

POSTLUDE

UDE *Pat Wiggers*
 Unity and Brotherhood *by Chesterton*

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Please join us for refreshments across the street in the Church Center immediately following worship.

Prayer Concerns: Ding Jiayi & Family, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Esther & Marcus Epps, Joan & Brad Bowden, Steve Crandall, Luanne Crosby's friend, Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, the Schulze's brother-in-law, Lee Richie, Karrie Edwards, Dick Lang, Joan Bowden's cousin (Judy Linder and her husband Larry), Lynn Tucker as he recovers from surgery, Patty Martire.

August Leaders: Trustee: Dave Porter; **Elder:** Nancy Evangelista; **Fellowship:** Mindy Smith & Luanne Crosby; **Deacon:** Sharon Burdick

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Catherine Chambers
Greeter(s).....Bob Heineman
Flowers.....Hope Briggs
Coffee Hour.....the Watsons
Music.....Pat Wiggers
Usher.....Hope Briggs
Zoom Host.....Jim Ninos

Looking Ahead - September 6 - Communion

Lay Leader.....Rick Stephens
Greeter(s).....Porters
Flowers.....Communion
Coffee Hour.....Regina Burke
Music.....Luanne Crosby
Usher.....Hope Briggs
Zoom Host.....Jim Ninos

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. A sample of organizations includes Alcoholics Anonymous, Alfred Area Food Pantry, Alfred area tai chi group, Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women, Allegany County Office of the Aging: Senior Luncheon Site, 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).

Announcements

September 13 - New Beginnings Celebration *(formerly known as Rally Day)*
September 20 – Brunch Worship in the King David Room.
September 25 – 5:00pm: Dedication of the historic sign in front of the church.
September 27 – 3:00pm: Installation of Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan as the seventh full-time pastor of the Union University Church. There will be no morning worship.

Stay Connected: If you’d like to stay up to date on what’s happening at UUC, you can receive our weekly **“This Week @ UUC”** email by contacting the church office: uucalfred@gmail.com and we will sign you up. You can also sign up by going to the UUC webpage and scrolling down to **“Stay Connected”** where you can enter your email address in order to be added to our weekly mailing.

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Psalm 46 Artist J.D. Benson

Union University Church

A Community Church

Where we serve Christ’s call by loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, caring for the needy, and striving for justice everywhere.

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan, Pastor

Worshiping in the historic Seventh Day Baptist Church building