

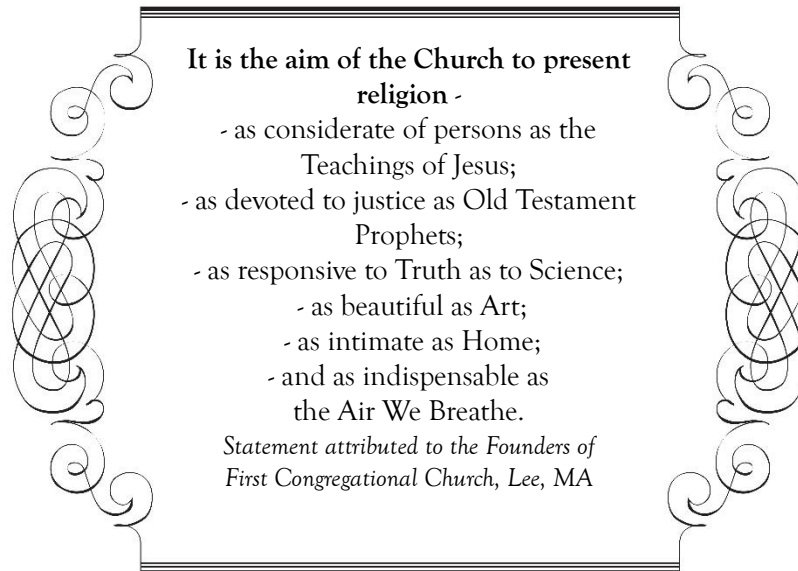
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Union University Church

**Serving 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 since 1922

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

September 13, 2026

The Season of Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION OF NEW BEGINNINGS AS WE 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

Josh Coram

We Offer Prayers and Praise

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

A visible reminder of Christ's presence among us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we begin again, we look to God in whom we trust.

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree,
in the end of summer, comes a fall in bright array.

All: Something God's abundance brings to be.

Leader: There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody, There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope for you and me.

All: Something God's abundance brings to be.

Leader: From the past will come the future, what it holds is mystery.

All: As we begin again, we look to God in whom we trust. Always God's abundance brings to be. Let us worship God!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

* HYMN How Firm a Foundation. # 592 vs 1-3, 5

WE CONFESS AND GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

All: Loving God who cares and listens, as the busyness of this new season begins, how easy it is to put you on the back burner. Forgive us. Keep us mindful of your presence in our lives and in all that happens so that we remember in the difficult things and the wonderful gifts that you are with us no matter what. And give us the hope that passes understanding that enables us to live more fully for you. Amen

GOD'S GRACE DECLARED

When we say that we are without sin we are fooling ourselves. When we admit the things we have done that we should not have done and acknowledge the things we have done that we should not have done, God, waiting for us, offers forgiveness. God is abundant in grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to you, O Christ!

God Comes to Us Through the Spirit

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING *Sung*
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 563 vs 1

SCRIPTURE Luke 4, Philippians 2: 1-5
Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of ^[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

MESSAGE **Get Ready! Get Set!**
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond to God's Love with Our Lives

WE ARE COMMISSIONED FOR GOD'S WORK

*** HYMN AND PRAYER OF RESPONSE**
Spirit of God! Descend # 557 vs 1, 4

WE SUPPORT HABITAT *Bob Reese*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *ending with the Lord's Prayer*

*** HYMN OF THE MONTH**
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord # 547 vs 1, 2, 4

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Josh Coram*

*** 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 we have all that we have. May what we give be a reflection of our gratitude. 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

* CLOSING HYMN Be Thou My Vision # 549 vs 1, 2, 5

* CHARGE

The goal of our lives together in Christ, as Christ's Body: Go now and share the love of Christ with each other and the world. Let us be unique and beautiful as we share the mind of Christ Jesus as *The Beloved Community*. Go be Light!

* GOD'S LOVING BLESSING

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing # 812 v 2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our every-day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing the
children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your Light now lead us,
unite us as One in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

Josh Coram

* *Please stand as you are able*

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

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....	Heather Meacham
Greeter(s).....	Carlyn Yanda
Flowers.....	Carlyn Yanda
Coffee Hour.....	Mary Smith
Music.....	Josh Coram
Usher.....	Deb Stephens
Zoom Host.....	Jim Ninos

NOTE Next Sunday : The Gathering- Brunch Worship

Anyone who would like to help with set up, come to the Church Center at 9:30 AM! And thanks in advance!

Quiet Church – Rev. Eileen is proposing that we begin what she is calling “Quiet Church” on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. This is an hour when the church would be open for reflection, prayer, and solitude. Please let her know if you are interested in the opportunity. You may also notify the church office via email.

Installation Reception – following Rev. Eileen’s installation, the Fellowship Board is coordinating a light dinner. They are asking people to bring their favorite food item to share for the meal. You can bring your favorite dish to the Church Center by 3:00pm on Sunday, September 27.

Announcements

September 25 – 5:00pm: Dedication of the historic sign in front of the church.

September 27 – 3:30pm: Installation of Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan as the seventh full-time pastor of the Union University Church. There will be no morning worship.