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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

November 22, 2020

Harvest Sunday

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“There is no such thing as gratitude unexpressed. If it is unexpressed, it is plain, old-fashioned ingratitude.”*

*Robert Brault*

#### PRELUDE

“Come Ye Thankful People Come”

*arr Lani Smith*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time of harvest; the time when we gather in the bounty of the earth.

**People: We come before God with thanksgiving for an earth that provides food, for home and shelter, and for the many people in our lives who bless us with their love.**

Leader: In gratitude for all we have been given, we return our praise with the bounty of our lives.

**People: We offer our praise to God by living a life of generosity, compassion, and peace.**

Leader: As we reach out in love to each other, may God’s love shine through us.

**People: As we reach out in caring to each other, may God’s love bring healing light to all.**

*(We ask those in the sanctuary to only hum on the hymns)*

#### HYMN #694

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;

wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dexter Time

Children’s Prayer

Lord’s Prayer *(using debts-debtors)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Give Thanks”

*by Henry Smith*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT**

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

“Berceuse”

*by Louis Vierne*

**BLESSING AND AMEN**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**People: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

**People: and a great sovereign above all gods.**

Leader: In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

**People: the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

Leader: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it,

**People: and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: For the Lord is our God,

**People: and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

**HYMN #131**

“We Gather Together”

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 5:1-16

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN #102**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*by Bob Kilpatrick*

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

People: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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**POSTLUDE**

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*Those on Zoom are invited to remain online following the service for a Virtual Coffee Hour.*

**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner  
Flowers.....Lana Meissner  
Piano/Organ.....Peter O'Connor, Laurel Buckwalter  
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, November 29, 2020 First Sunday in Advent**

**Hanging of the Greens**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Lay Leader.....Rick Stephens (Zoom)  
Flowers.....Advent Wreath

**Mission of the Month - ACC-FFW** -The UUC Board of Elders has selected the Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women (ACC FFW) as Mission of the Month for November. The fund was established “as a resource that will provide financial assistance and open doors for women who seek continued betterment.” Thanks to the generosity of donors, through fundraising and direct donations, 9 grants were awarded in 2019. Please make checks out to UUC with ACC FFW on the memo line.

**Hanging of the Greens Activity Nov 29**—following worship on Nov. 29 there will be a fellowship activity making holiday centerpieces. Kits are available in the foyer of the Church Center.

**Christmas Boxes**—Christmas box details were distributed to sponsors this week. If you did not receive the details for your box, please contact Melissa Jusianiec at [mjjsianiec@gmail.com](mailto:mjjsianiec@gmail.com).

**Cookies for Christmas Boxes**—purchased cookies, in tins, are needed for Christmas boxes.

**Cookies for Food Pantry**—home baked cookies are needed for the Food Pantry. Contact Laurel Buckwalter for details.

**Vote for Hart House**—Hart House is trying to win \$10,000! It is quite simple. Go to the contest site in this email and, type in Comfort House of Allegany County, (once you start typing our name will come up), you will see our picture of the House, scroll down and click the Like button. You can do this once a day. If we receive enough votes, we can win \$10,000. Some of you remember that we did something similar to this for the Pepsi Challenge and won \$50,000.

**Voting Instructions:** First, go to our official contest site to view all videos: <https://energize-us-society.siemens-energy-projects.com/video-gallery>. To vote, simply click the “Like” button for the Hart House.

Voting is open from now until December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please note: You can vote once a day.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder’s sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze’s niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Heather Meacham (broken arm), the Napolitano family on the death of Dan’s father.