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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“There is only one thing that I dread: not to be worthy of my sufferings.” *Fyodor Dostoevsky*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from The Gates of Prayer*

Leader: The power of God’s Spirit pervades all creation. We come to open our hearts to God’s Spirit that we may be filled with God’s strength:

People: The strength to bear our afflictions,

Leader: The strength to refuse them victory,

People: The strength to overcome them;

Leader: That with a renewed will, we may lift the fallen,

People: Set free the captive,

Leader: Heal the sick,

People: And bring light to all who dwell in darkness.

HYMN #512

“Stand By Me”

1. When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me (stand by me);
When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me (stand by me);
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea
Thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me (stand by me).

4. In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me (stand by me);
In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me (stand by me);
When my foes in battle array
Undertake to stop my way,
Thou who savèd Paul and Silas,
Stand by me (stand by me).

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture II Corinthians 1:3-4

Dexter Time

(Rev DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

Children's Prayer

Lord's Prayer *(using debts-debtors)*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Paul and Silas" *Stanley Brothers*

Virtual Bluegrass Band

Following the song, children may leave the Zoom viewing area if they wish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *When Rev. DeMott says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."*

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory

Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 34:1-8, 18-19

Leader: I will bless God always;

People: praise will continually be on my lips!

Leader: My soul will boast about God —

People: let the oppressed hear it and be glad!

Leader: Glorify God with me,

People: and let us exalt God's Name together!

Leader: I sought God, who answered me

People: and freed me from all my fears.

Leader: Those who look to God are radiant,

People: and their faces are never covered with shame.

Leader: The poor called out; God heard

People: and saved them from all their troubles.

Leader: The angel of God encamps around those who revere God,

People: and rescues them.

Leader: Taste and see how good God is!

People: Happiness comes to those who take refuge in God.

Leader: God is close to the brokenhearted

People: and rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Leader: Many are the afflictions of the just;

People: but God delivers them from all their troubles.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:25-34

REFLECTION

HYMN #578 “God of Love and God of Power”

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
blessed are we when'er we share
that devotion anywhere.

(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

(Refrain)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *by Bob Kilpatrick*

(People in the sanctuary can hum)

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

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

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

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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POSTLUDE

UUC Semiannual Meeting following worship

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Deb Stephens
Flowers.....Mary Lou & Jerry Cartledge
Special Music.....Virtual Bluegrass
Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor
Zoom Co-hosts..... John Buckwalter

**Sunday, November 22, 2020
Harvest Sunday**

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Flowers.....Lana Meissner

NOVEMBER LEADERS

Deacon.....Karrie Edwards
Elder.....Jen Smith
Fellowship.....Tricia Debertolis
Trustee.....Denise Grandusky
BOCE.....TBD

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, families and friends of the Buckwalters, Jusianiecs, Watsons, Ordways, Burdicks, & Tuckers who are suffering from Covid-19, Barb Willis (kidney stone procedure), Heather Meacham (broken arm), Dan Napolitano's father.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Allegany Cattaraugus Chautauqua Fund for Women

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.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE to support ACC FFW runs through **November 17th**, with plants expected in Alfred on Thursday, December 3rd. An online order link is posted on the UUC forum or you may place an order through any ACC FFW member (Tricia Debertolis, Laurie DeMott, Melissa Jusaniec, Jan Porter). Available for \$12 are: red / white / pink poinsettia, cyclamen, Christmas cactus.

COOKIES FOR FOOD PANTRY

Once again this year we are requesting Christmas cookies for the Food Pantry. Details will follow but Laurel Buckwalter asked that you keep this in mind as you plan your holiday baking.