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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“The greatness of our God lies in the fact that He is both tough-minded and tenderhearted. He has qualities both of austerity and of gentleness. He is tough in His justice and tender in His love and grace. He has two outstretched arms. One is strong enough to surround us with justice and one is gentle enough to embrace us with grace.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE “Agnus Dei” *by Bizet*

Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have compassion upon us. Grant us thy peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is our first and last, the alpha and omega.

People: In him, we find our salvation.

Leader: He is the strength of our life and the power that saves us,

People: Our help in time of trouble.

Leader: May his compassion rule our hearts,

People: And our feet pursue his path,

Leader: this day,

People: and always.

HYMN #158 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (hum)”

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen!

let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can depend:

his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture

Psalm 32:8

God says, “I will teach you and show you the way to go; I will help you and keep my loving eye on you.”

Dexter Time (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Dexter, discuss the opening scripture)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peter O'Connor

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

"Jesus in the Desert: from Three Gospel Scenes" *by James Biery*
"Out of the depths, I cry to Thee, o Lord"

Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 141

Leader: I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;

People: give ear to my voice when I call to you.

Leader: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,

People: and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Leader: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;

People: keep watch over the door of my lips.

Leader: Do not turn my heart to any evil,

People: to busy myself with wicked deeds

Leader: in company with those who work iniquity;

People: do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Leader: Let the righteous strike me;

People: let the faithful correct me.

Leader: Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,

People: for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

Leader: When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,

People: then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.

Leader: Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,

People: so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.

Leader: But my eyes are turned toward you, O GOD, my Lord;

People: in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.

Leader: Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,

People: and from the snares of evildoers.

Leader: Let the wicked fall into their own nets,

People: while I alone escape.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

REFLECTION

HYMN #269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and only live
By your most holy word.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

People: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Deb Stephens
Flowers.....Linell Soule
Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O’Connor
Special Music.....Peter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom or remain in the sanctuary for our Virtual Coffee Hour.

- **Wednesday, January 20 – No Book Group**

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey
Flowers.....Jan Porter

Tax Statements: If you would like a statement of your donations for tax purposes please notify Joan Bowden via email – Joan.Bowden@yahoo.com.

Check Your Checks: It's that transition time when we all mistakenly continue to write 2020 instead of 2021 on our checks. Be sure to double check your checks before submitting them.

VHS Tapes, CDs, etc.: Several of us are cleaning the Church Center and we are, after consulting with Rev. DeMott, discarding all VHS materials (including an extensive collection of Veggie Tales

and other items for young people, as well as biblical study materials for adults). In addition, there are blank CDs and extra jewel cases available. These materials will be placed on a card table in the foyer of the Church Center and will be available on a first come first served basis beginning Wednesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm.

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 in hospice care, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Joan Schulze family on the death of her sister's son, Mary Smith and Jen Smith and family on the death of Bill Smith, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), the family of Wendy Fambro on the death of her husband Mick, Mary Lou Cartledge's brother Walter Straight (heart surgery), Beth Slack's brother Will Jacox (Covid)

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission of Your Choice

Please send the name of your selected charity so that we can include it in the February Newsletter.

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