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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
JANUARY 24, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“Now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened.” E. E. Cummings

PRELUDE “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” *by J S Bach*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION *by Howard Thurman*

Leader: O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear,

People: hope for my despair.

Leader: O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins,

People: love for my hate.

Leader: O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow,

People: strength for my weakness.

Leader: O generous God, open my heart

People: to receive all your gifts.

All: Amen.

HYMN #519 “Lift Every Voice and Sing (Hum)” *by James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson*

For the members of the online UUC forum who were discussing this hymn this week. This was first performed in 1900 and is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement. The melody incorporates what is known as “word painting,” where the music matches what’s being sung. The phrase “Lift every voice and sing,” for instance, is always sung on an ascending line and as the lyrics tell of the dark past, the tune takes a mournful minor turn.

1. Lift every voice and sing 'Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand.
True to our God, true to our native land.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Psalm 119:17-18
Dexter Time (*Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture*)
Children's Prayer
Lord's Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

SPECIAL MUSIC "To God Be the Glory" *Doane/arr. L. Sue*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

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

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory
"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" *arr Smith and Hustad*
Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 66:1-2, 5-9 *from the Inclusive Bible translation*

Leader: Shout to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of God's Name —

People: give glorious praise!

Leader: Come and see the works of God —

People: God's deeds on our behalf are wondrous.

Leader: God turned the sea into dry land;

People: and people passed through the river on foot.

Leader: There we rejoiced in God, whose reign of power lasts forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations

People: so that the rebellious don't exalt themselves before God.

Leader: Bless God, all you peoples,

People: let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Leader: God has kept us among the living,

People: and has not let our feet slip.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:35-42
SERMON

HYMN #454 "Open My Eyes"

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*** 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.....Larry Casey

Flowers.....Jan Porter

Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor

Special Music....Laurel & John Buckwalter, Luanne Crosby, Deb Stephens, Laurie DeMott, Lana Meissner

Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom for a Virtual Pet Show and a congregational game to follow.

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner

Flowers.....Lana Meissner

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.: first come, first served – free for the taking in the foyer of the Church Center.

LOST & FOUND to be claimed before February 1

- * Men's gray sport coat with brown suede elbow patches
- * Black cap saying "Ingredients Matter"
- * Black cap saying "Joe's Pub Crawl"
- * Teal cloth belt for women's rain coat or jacket
- * Yellow rechargeable battery of some kind that says "its good when you play more"

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)

Opportunity to Support Our Community through Alfred Main Street and Meals During this pandemic, more local families are experiencing food insecurity and local businesses are seeing a drastic decrease in customers. The purpose of this project is to provide meals to those in our local community who would benefit most and to support local businesses providing those meals. Use the link below for more information: https://www.gofundme.com/f/mz54m-alfred-main-street-and-meals?member=7994032&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%20Binvitesupporters

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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