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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“Anyone can love peace, but Jesus didn't say, ‘Blessed are the peace-lovers.’ He says peacemakers. He is referring to a life vocation, not a hobby on the sidelines of life.”

Jim Wallis

PRELUDE “All Glory Be to God on High” *JS Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 29*

Leader: Give glory to God, give God glory and strength!

People: Worship God in the splendor of holiness!

Leader: God sits in judgment over the world;

People: Our God is our ruler forever.

Leader: Give strength to your people, God!

People: Bless your people with peace!

HYMN #730 “O Day of God Draw Nigh”

1. O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Psalm 34:14 (ERV)

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

Children's Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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

“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

arr by Lani Smith

Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING

from Romans 14:13-15:13 NRSV

Leader: Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another,

People: but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another....

Leader: So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink

People: but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Leader: The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval.

People: Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding....

Leader: We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

People: Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor....

Leader: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

People: so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ....

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

People: so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-11

SERMON

HYMN #670

“Go Forth for God”

1. Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
Till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;

2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love;

*** 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.....Mary Lou Cartledge

Flowers.....Melissa Jusianiec

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

Special Music.....Luanne Crosby

Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom for a Virtual Coffee Hour.

Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Caiti Dewey

Flowers..... Memorial flowers given by the Riber family in honor of Elie Riber

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, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Mary Lou Cartledge's brother Walter Straight (heart surgery), Beth Slack's brother Will Jacox (Covid)



“Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land!” Genesis 13:17

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%20invitesupporters

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Equal Justice Initiative

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

From the EJI website:

“Founded in 1989 by [Bryan Stevenson](#), a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. We challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment and we provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people. The following is a link to a TED Talk Bryan Stevenson gave on “the need to talk about an injustice.”

https://www.ted.com/speakers/bryan_stevenson

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