

Order of Worship

Let us be as open vessels that God's spirit may enter.

The Community Gathers: Experience God's presence in the assembly.
Please greet one another with joy and welcome new friends into our community of love.

You are welcome here...come and worship!

Focus: *The light of love is always in us, waiting for the spark to ignite.* *bell hooks*

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Gathering Music:

Responsive Call to Worship: (Jeremiah 31: 7-9)

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Opening Hymn:

Invocation:

Ever-calling God, We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church.

Grant us the vision to be a part of a new re-formation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream of a world that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening:

Message for the children and the child in each of us:

Scripture: Isaiah 30:15, 18-19 Matthew 23:1, 11-12, 23

After the reading, you may respond with "Thanks Be to God" if you choose.

Sermon: "Tithing Justice"

Rev. Shirley Bowen

Executive Director, Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center

Sermon Response:

Musical call to Prayer: (two times) Hush now in quiet peace, be still your mind at ease. The Spirit brings release, so wait upon the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory:

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

Children's Sharing Time:

Closing Hymn:

Benediction

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 4:7*)

Response: Amen

Recessional: *Go in Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
celebrate and share the joy. Celebrate new life.

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Thank you to Music Director, Michelle Currie and to our Musicians
today: Michelle Currie and _____

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If you are interested in joining Union Church or would like to set up a time to
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Take Heart
you are welcome here
October 28, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.