Statement of Purpose

As Christians and as members of Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, we believe it is our purpose and calling to...

- grow in relationship with God and neighbor through communal worship, fellowship, mutual respect, prayer, and service;
- empower each other, across generations, to discern Christian truth and meaning using a variety of sources;
- welcome and celebrate God’s people, and affirm the many images of the Divine manifested in differing abilities and disabilities, ages, gender expressions, gender identities, sexual orientations, faith traditions, social and economic classes, ethnicities, colors, races, immigration statuses, and nationalities;
- minister to others using our spiritual gifts and financial resources ethically, mindfully, and creatively;
- work to recognize and relieve systemic oppression, individual suffering, poverty, and isolation, through dialogue, action, and partnership with other religious and secular organizations;
- honor the environment as God’s sacred creation, worthy of praise and protection;
- reflect the love and grace of God in all that we do, joyous in Christ and grateful in the Spirit.

*Adopted by the members of Union Congregational Church on February 25, 2018.*
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - August 2, 2020

PRELUDE  “Past Moments”  Oliver Messiaen

WELCOME  Rev. Katrina Forman

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY TIME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION  Steven Warner
  “Christ Be Near at Either Hand”
  Sanctuary Choir Video
  Laura George, Flute
  Annelie Fahlstedt, Violin
  Pamela Olsen, Frame Drum

JOYS AND CONCERNS  Rev. Katrina Forman

The Lord’s Prayer: Our {name for God}, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHANCEL STEPS  Betsy Richardson

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21  Sara Olson
Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON  “Compassion Fatigue”  Rev. Katrina Forman
SPECIAL MUSIC  “Nobody Know the Trouble I’ve Seen”  Harry Burleigh
Richard Gillyard, Tenor

COMMUNION

HYMN:  “Let Us Break Bread Together”  Rev. Katrina Forman

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  “2 Waltzes, Moderato and Rather Lively”  Maurice Ravel

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: We are so pleased that you are with us for worship.

MANY THANKS to Richard Gillyard, Laura George, Annelie Fahlstedt, Pamela Olsen and the Sanctuary Choir for providing today’s special music. Thanks to Steve Hogle for putting the choir video together for us.

COVID-19 UPDATES: Please visit our website for Covid-19 updates.

MID-WEEK 2ND HOUR: We will be hosting an Outdoor Worship Service on August 12th at 7 PM. Please bring a chair/blanket to sit on and your mask as we enjoy our time of “social distancing” fellowship together.

PRAYER MEETINGS hosted by Ina Isobe via Zoom - Thursdays at 12:30 PM through August. For more information, please visit our website.

CUMAC NEEDS include art supplies (crayons, pencils, colored pencils, paper, chalk, chalk boards, coloring books, etc.) for the children of the CUMAC Staff. Please leave donations on the porch of the Assembly Room Friday’s before 10 AM.

ONLINE GIVING Thank you for your continued giving through our online portal and Zelle during this time. For more information/questions, email Angie at fin.sec@uniongcong.org.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: While the office remains closed, please remember that the best way to reach the staff is via email. If you need to call Emily in the front office, please call (973) 304-5651. For Angie in the financial office, please call (973) 264-9487.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: August 2, 2020. We hold in our prayers:
Bob Cassels  Joy Mishkin
Roxanne Raymonde Curran  Ernie Nardone
friend of Jane Seaman  Melissa Raak
Madeleine Guthrie  Mike Santeramo
Andrea Landis  friend of Jim Van Dyke
We give thanks for the life of former Union Cong President Walter J. Hunziker Jr who passed away on July 19 at his home in Massachusetts. If you would like to send condolences to his spouse, Norma Holmes, the address is PO Box 2838, Edgartown, MA 02539.

Steve Lindo and family on the passing of Sigi Lando. If you would like to send condolences to the family, the address is 3 Gap Head Road, Rockport, MA 01966. They would be much appreciated. A Memorial Service for Sigi will be held via Zoom on August 15th. Please look for an email with details coming soon.

Please share your prayer, joys and concerns within our community so that we may rejoice with you and support you. Reach out by phone, e-mail, or note to the pastor, your deacon, the head deacon, Ina Isobe, ina.isobe@gmail.com, or to the office, infoucc@unioncong.org, to keep us in the loop. Thanks.
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1. Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

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let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988
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