The Mission of Union Church:
… To provide a home where all are welcome
to worship God,
to learn and grow as Christians, and
to share our love, friendship and support
with all those whose lives we touch.

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10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Union Church of Pocantico Hills
Dr. Perry Wooten—Guest Preacher
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in bold type.

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Improvisation on Service Music Themes

The Striking of the Hour

Prelude for Organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Organ Concerto in A Minor: Allegro (BWV 522)
(transcribed from Antonio Vivaldi)

Eddie Zheng, guest organist

The communion hymn upon which this work is based may be found in the Hymnal, 519.

Call to Worship

One: In our singing, God will the note of joy.
All: In our praying, God will be the heartfelt Word.
One: In our searching, God will be the will to endure.
All: In our need, God will be the source of hope.
One: In our faithlessness, God will be Love that holds us.
All: We come to worship and praise our Creator together!

*Hymn 361

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Dear Lord. How often we look to the foolish ways of our world to give us support and peace. How often we deny and ignore the truths of You Word when we look for solutions to our dilemmas. How often we look for people to admire and emulate instead of following the life lived by Your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and minds to the leading of the Holy Spirit, LORD, so that we hear Your voice and see
**SENDING**

*Hymn 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude for Organ

J.S. Bach

Trio Sonata IV in E Minor: Vivace

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**—All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation in the parish hall following the service.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—Rosalyn DeHoff, Mary T. Johnson, Barbara Smith and Emma Thaler.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**—The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

**GUEST PREACHER**—Today we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Perry Wootten.

**WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Nehemiah 8: 1-10

Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are

the wonders and joys of living the Christian life as Your servants. Strengthen us, LORD, so that we are willing to follow You and become true followers of the Way, the Truth and the Life. "Teach us Your way, O LORD, and we will walk in Your truth; give us an undivided heart that we may fear Your Name.

*Congregational Response—Hymn 417 (stanza four)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

Welcome and Community Celebrations and Concerns
you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Phil 4: 4-8

(REV. PLEASE PROVIDE THE SCRIPTURE FOR THIS, I CANNOT FIND)

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Do You Enjoy GOD?”
Dr. Perry Wootten

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to GOD. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of GOD, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune GOD, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate Us from the love of GOD in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

* Hymn 155 Darwall

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Prayers of Intercession

Invitation to the Offering

* Presentation of Gifts—Hymn 592 Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn 592 Old Hundredth**

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Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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Offertory Solo Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Canonic Study in C Major (Op. 56)