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Sunday Service - Edinboro, PA.

Script for Unity in Edinboro Sunday Service

OPENING: We will begin with Hymn number _____. Please stand and sing _____(title)

Welcome to Unity in Edinboro. If this is your first visit with use, we extend a special welcome to you. Many of us feel this is a very special church and we hope that you will find that it is too, and that you will want to return. Unity is a worldwide Christian organization with an extremely positive approach to life; seeking to accept the good in people and in all life. For more information on Unity, we have visitor packets available on the table behind the last pew. Also, on that table you will find a copy of our newsletter, which contains a calendar of our ongoing activities. After services, we hope you will join us downstairs in "Fellowship Hall", where we will have coffee and refreshments.

And now I'd like to share with the vision for the Church:

"Unity in Edinboro is a center to serve the spiritual needs of all people, as they are, to teach the Unity principles, to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, to be responsive to the needs of all people, and to be a center of love, spiritual unfoldment, learning, and sharing by freely allowing the fulfillment of God's purpose in and through us."

And now let us all sing together, "Surely the Presence" (*Melody continues during the following*) We recognize God as the only power in the universe. Therefore, there is nothing to fear, control, oppose or overcome. This power works in and through our lives, creating order and harmony in every aspect of our life. Let us affirm this truth together:

"There is only One Presence, One Power, One Activity in my life and in the universe, -- God the Good, Omnipotent."

(Resume singing second chorus of "Surely the Presence")

God is always present and always active. It is our desire to acknowledge and call forth his presence and love. It is your love that is the light that brings God's light into the World. This is expressed so well in the prayer for our church. Please join me in this prayer. Together.

"Unity in Edinboro is, as a light set on a hill, from which the love and healing power of the Holy Spirit shine forth to lift, bless, and heal all those who enter here. We

acknowledge the presence of God in our lives and allow his love to flow through us."

And now, please stand and sing Hymn number_____.

(Hymn concludes)

Please remain standing for the lighting of the Christ candle:

We are each a special, unique and essential part of God's creation. This candle symbolizes the Christ light glowing within each one of us. Let us share the light with each other. (Start ringing of steeple bell) Let our love and light ring out into all the community, to share all we are with all of God's creation. And now let's take a few minutes to greet that Christ light within each other with a handshake, a hug or a smile.

(Congregation greeting)

In the pews you will see a prayer request slips. If you would like to make a prayer request, Please fill it out now while I'm making the announcement and the ushers will come and collect them.

(Announcements.)

And now, as we prepare for our Prayer requests, our healing prayer and our meditation, we will sing the Lord's prayer.

(Sing "Our Father")

I now invite _____(name) to lead us in the next part of the service.

(Invocation for prayer and reading of first names of everyone that requested prayer on slips and moment of silence to join collectively in prayer.)

(Guided imagery mediation - musical accompaniment)

(Lesson - Concludes with AMEN)

Thank-you _____ (name).

Now is the time when we have our offering. Here at Unity we recognize that it is through God's unlimited supply and abundance that each of us are prospered. When we give freely, without fear of lack or limitation, we demonstrate that we trust that God is taking care of us. That all our needs are being met with abundance.

And so, with that in mind, please hold your offering in your hand while we say our blessing.

"Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I am, all that I give and all that I receive."

(Offertory music)

(Blessing of offering)

And now, let us all join together in the Peace circle for the Peace song.

(Sing peace song raising hands for last verse- Leave hands up)

And now the prayer for protection:

"The light of God surrounds us. The love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us. The presence of God watches over us. For, wherever we are, God is, and all is well."

(Drop hands with a loving clasp or handshake. Invite everyone to "Fellowship Hall")
