

Soul Matters Monthly Theme: What does it mean to be a Community of Resistance?

“Be curious, not judgmental.”

--Walt Whitman (1819-1891), a White American poet, essayist, and journalist, as well as part of the Transcendental Movement

Order of Service for April 16, 2023: A “Question Box” Service

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Diane Langland, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Kathryn Vonderharr and Diana Ruhl, Greeters

Jeff Lowry and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Ken Davey, Hearing Assist

Keri Johnson, Nursery

Macey Forsyth and Danielle Stedman, Children’s Chapel and Youth Group

Nancy & Denny Cramblit and Penny Herickhoff, Hospitality

Announcements Slideshow To “Light Everywhere” (2015) by Lynn O’Brien, a White award-winning vocalist, songwriter and improviser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8GLdTYsUYY>

Greetings from the Whole Congregation (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Chime

Chalice Lighting: For those attending by Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Hymn: #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me” (gray hymnal), words and music by Carolyn McDade.

Performed by Helen Lowry. <https://farfringe.com/stlt346-come-sing-a-song-with-me/>

Reading: “Bone” by Mary Oliver (1935-2019), White American poet and essayist

<https://www.poeticous.com/mary-oliver/bone>

Story: *Dear Earth* (2020) words by Isobel Otter, a White children’s book writer and editor, and illustrations by Clara Anganuzzi, a UK-based illustrator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDtZKRP7i5k>

Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities

Prayer/Meditation: “For When I Really Don’t Want to Learn This” by the Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, Unitarian Universalist Minister serving the UUA

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/when-i-really-dont-want-learn>

Sorrows and Joys

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein

Comfort me, share my joy/ Comfort me, Oh my soul. (2x)

Giving/Offertory: "One Voice" (2004) by The Wailin' Jennys, a White Canadian music group

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jKH6kILbho>

Questions and Answers

Hymn: #298 "Wake, Now, My Senses" (gray hymnal) words by Thomas J. S. Mickelson to a Traditional

Irish Melody. Performed by Daniel Wiebe. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQDka_vN2Ns

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Singing Benediction: "Longtime Sun," the final three minutes of "A Very Cellular Song" written by Mike

Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman's*

Beautiful Daughter.

May the long time sun shine upon you/All love surround you

And the pure, pure light that's within you/ Guide your way home (2x)

In-person: Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Board Listening Session on the Rental

Property at noon in the Sanctuary.

On Zoom: A time to meet, talk, and connect.