

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

If you must look back, do so forgivingly.

If you will look forward, do so prayerfully.

But the wisest course would be to be present in the present, gratefully.

—Maya Angelou (1928-2014), a Black American memoirist, popular poet, and civil rights activist

Order of Service for November 20, 2022: Things Changed, So What Can Stay the Same?

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Carrie Rice, Worship Associate

Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Nancy Cramblit, Pianist

Andy Roberts and Jeff Lowry, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Cathi Fouchi & Ken Davey, Greeters

Diane Dobitz & Rebecca Larabee, Hospitality

Ireland Olson and Diane Langland, Nursery

Macey Forsyth and Karen Knox, Children's Chapel

Deb Fitzloff and Danielle Stedman, Youth Group

Announcements Slideshow to "This Little Light of Mine" performed by Sweet Honey in the Rock, an all-woman, African-American a cappella ensemble active since 1973

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbWlw5QWiKg>

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: #67 "We Sing Now Together" (gray hymnal), words by Edward T. Beuhrer to the tune of *Nederlandsch Gedenckclannk*

Reading: "Unitarian Universalist Bread—A Recipe" by the Rev. Dan Schatz, Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester (PA).

Blessing the Bread

Story: *Being You: A First Conversation about Gender* (2021), words by Megan Madison (a Black early childhood educator, scholar, and activist based in New York City) and Jessica Ralli (a White educator and writer, and library coordinator of early literacy programs) with illustrations by Anne/Andy Passchier (a White, non-binary illustrator from The Netherlands, who focuses on

inclusivity, positivity and LGBTQIA+ advocacy).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX5GHak_zcM&t=1s

Singing the Young Ones to Activities

Prayer/Meditation: “Transgender Day of Remembrance Prayer” by the Rev. Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe, a Unitarian Universalist minister and Congregational Field Staff for the Central East Region, serving congregations in western Pennsylvania and across Ohio, as well as a member of TRUUsT (Transgender Religious professional Unitarian Universalists Together) and DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary Multicultural Ministries).

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/transgender-day-remembrance-prayer>

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 to “We Gather Together” by Lorie Line

Reading: From “A Thanksgiving Reflection” by the Rev. Isabel Call, Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan (KS)

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/story/thanksgiving-reflection>

Hymn: #407 “We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table” (gray hymnal), a tradition song.

Homily

Hymn: #402 “From You I Receive” (gray hymnal) by Joseph and Nathan Segal (brothers and both rabbis who wrote and sang together in the 1960s-1980s).

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 of the Fellowship building.

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