

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

**Self-revelation is the most vulnerable-making thing of which human beings are capable, and yet in that vulnerability we find our deepest freedom.**

--Maria Popova (b. 1984) a Bulgarian-born, American-based essayist, book author, poet, and writer of literary and arts commentary and cultural criticism

**Order of Service for March 12, 2023:** Celebrating Queer Lives

Re. Diana McLean, Preaching

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Worship Associate

Andy Roberts and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Keri Johnson, Nursery

Deb Fitzloff and Barb Franchino with Lee Ganske, Children's Chapel and Youth Group

Diane Dobitz and the Hot Dish Brigade, Hospitality

**Announcements Slideshow** To "A Beautiful Noise" (2020), written by Brandi Carlile, *et al.*, and performed by Alicia Keyes and Brandi Carlile, both American songwriters and performers  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yU1x-p\\_OdY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yU1x-p_OdY)

**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: #1053** "How Could Anyone" words and music by Libby Roderick, performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's chorus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gITHQxluE4>  
<https://farfringe.com/stj1053-how-could-anyone/>

**New Member Ceremony**

**Story:** *It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book about Gender Identity* (2019) written by Theresa Thorn, a White American co-host of *One Bad Mother* and director of operations for Maximum Fun, Inc. illustrated by Noah Grigni, a trans and queer artist from Atlanta. Read on video by Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth  
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pJf7X4cPPqo&feature=shares>

**Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities**

**Prayer/Meditation**

## **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)*

**Reading:** “How to Discuss the Truth” by the Rev. Mark Belletini, a Queer Unitarian Universalist minister who chaired the commission that created the gray hymnal

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/reading/how-to-discuss-the-truth>

**Giving/Offertory:** “This is Me” (2017) words and music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, performed by Keala Settle and The Greatest Showman Ensemble with Pride PMV graphics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU5MpzQOvww>

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** #95 “There is More Love Somewhere” (gray hymnal) words and music from an African American hymn, performed by Helen Lowry and Jon Vogtle, both courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY

<https://farfringe.com/stlt95-there-is-more-love-somewhere/>

## **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:** Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Wellspring Cloth Project in the Meeting Room at noon.

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