

**Soul Matters Theme:** What Does It Mean to be a People of Creativity?

**“Creativity is our ability to dream things up and make them happen.”**

—Peggy Taylor, Soul Matter Collective

**Order of Service for May 14, 2023: Creating the Future**

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Diane Dobitz, Worship Associate

Nancy Cramblit, Musician

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Linda Ganske, Greeter

Jeff Lowry and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Macey Forsyth and Deb Fitzloff, Children’s Chapel

Sue Wiltgen, Hospitality

**Opening Slideshow:** “Shadowdance” (1983) by Shadowfax, a new age/electronic musical group formed in Chicago in the early 1970s and active through 1995

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQvmSgNnDI8>

**Congregational Greeting**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Bell Chime**

**Chalice Lighting:**

If you are viewing through 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: #34** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” (gray hymnal) words by Hal Hopson and music a traditional English melody <https://farfringe.com/?s=34>

**Reading:** “For All the Mothers” by the Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, a Unitarian Universalist minister, writer, musician, and activist dedicated to radical inclusion, deep collaboration, and courageous kindness who identifies as a genderdynamic bisexual person of color.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/blessing/all-mothers>

**Reading:** “The Complexity of Motherhood” by the Rev. Leah Ongiri, an ordained minister and life-long Unitarian Universalist <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/affirmation/complexity-motherhood>

**Story:** *One Day* (2023), written by Joanna Ho, a Chinese and Taiwanese-American writer and high school

vice principal in the San Francisco Bay area, and illustrated by Faith Pray, a White author-illustrator from the Pacific Northwest. Read by Director of Children's Faith Development, Macey Forsyth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGN-3Mrno40>

### **Singing the Youngers to CFD Activities**

**Meditation/Prayer:** "Blessed Are the Makers" by the Rev. Marcus Liefert, a White Unitarian Universalist minister serving our congregation in Marin, CA

### **Sorrows and Joys**

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

**Giving:** To offertory "Minuet in G" arranged by Lorie Line

### **Sermon**

**Hymn: #131** "Love will Guide Us" (gray hymnal) words by Sally Rogers to a traditional tune

<https://farfringe.com/2017/02/11/stlt131-love-will-guide-us/>

### **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*. Sung by UUFM Choir and Congregation accompanied by Nancy Cramblit.

*May the longtime sun shine upon you/ All love surround you/And the pure pure light that's within you/Guide your way home.*

**Zoom Break Out Rooms:** A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect. Please accept the invitation to join a room.

**In-person Hospitality** in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.