

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

“Where there's life there's hope, and need of vittles.”

— J.R.R. Tolkien, from *The Lord of the Rings*

Order of Service for May 21 2023: Creating the Future

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Diane Langland, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Penny Herickhoff, Greeter

Jeff Lowry and Kat Clements, Tech Squad and Hearing Assist

Macey Forsyth and Deb Fitzloff, Children’s Chapel

Keri Johnson, Nursery

Linda Ganske, Hospitality

Opening Slideshow: To “Best of *The Lord of the Rings* Soundtrack,” music by John Williams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVvIXmrDs4c>

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: #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door” (gray hymnal), music by Robert N. Quayle and words by Louis Untermeyer. Performed by soloists of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo (NY).

<https://farfringe.com/?s=1>

Story: *What Do You Do with An Idea* (2013), written by Kobi Yamada, a Pacific Northwest-based New York Times best-selling author, creator of many inspiring books, and the president of Compendium, and illustrated by Mae Besom, an illustrator of children’s books from Sichuan, China

Dedication of the Children

Singing the Youngers to CFD Activities

Reading: “Help Us Make This Church a Refuge from the World,” words by the Rev. Richard Trudeau, retired Unitarian Universalist minister

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/5565.shtml>

New Member Ceremony

Hymn: #361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (gray hymnal), words and music by Louise Ruspini. Performed

by virtual choir of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Baltimore

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WleHgNgG9m0he>

Meditation/Prayer: “Prayer for Those Gathered in Worship,” words by the Rev. Barbara Pescan, retired Unitarian Universalist minister <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/58066.shtml>

Sorrows and Joys

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

Giving: To “Where You Go, I Will Go” (2018), words and music by Shoshana Jedwab. Performed by soloists of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo (NY).

Reading: “To Be of Use” by Marge Piercy (b. 1936), a White American progressive activist and writer.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/57673/to-be-of-use>

Homily

Hymn: #318 “We Would Be One” (gray hymnal), music by Jean Sibelius and words by Samuel Anthony Wright. Organ performed by our own Elizabeth Kipp. <https://farfringe.com/2017/08/14/stlt318-we-would-be-one/>

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.

Annual Meeting today at 11:45 am following worship, in-person and on Zoom. Grab a cup of coffee and a cookie, and come back for the State of the Fellowship presentation.