

Order of Service June 16, 2024

Flower Service

June Soul Matters Theme: Renewal

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Sue Chambers

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Choir Director: Mark Brekke

Storyteller: Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street], and join in saying these words:

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.

Call to Worship

"We Come to Love a Church" by Andrew C. Kennedy

Choir Anthem: "Give Me Birds at the Dawning"

(words and music by Betsy Binstock; arranged by Peter and Mary Alice Amidon)

Story

The Flower Ceremony, A Plain and Simple Beauty,

(Adapted from a story by Janeen K. Grohsmeyer in [A Lamp in Every Corner: Our UU Storybook](#))

Bringing Forward the Flowers

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

(words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted)

Offertory

Reading “No Hot House Flower” by Lisa Doege

Hymn #346, “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

(words and music by Carolyn McDade)

Reflection: The Flower Ceremony

Flower Ritual

Choir Anthem: “Lullabye (Goodnight, My Angel)”

(words and music by Billy Joel; arranged by Kirby Shaw)

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. (Elizabeth Selle Jones)

Benediction

Singing Benediction: “Longtime Sun”

(the final three minutes of “A Very Cellular Song” written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band)

*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 participants: Please feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect. (If the group online is large enough, we will invite you to join breakout rooms for small group connection.)

In-person participants: Please stay for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.