

Soul Matters Theme: What does it mean to be a people of Resistance?

In our time of disturbance and radical change, we are crossing a threshold, a portal, or an unseen bridge from one world to another. It could be said that the bridge is either collapsing beneath us, or being made as we walk together, in the long twilight hours when civilization gives way to another.

—Geneen Marie Haugen, a writer, wilderness wanderer, scholar on the faculty of the Esalen Institute and Schumacher College, and a descendent of the indigenous Sami of the European Arctic

Order of Service for April 30, 2023: Indigenous Rights and Climate Change

Rev Terri Burnor, Preaching

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth with Diane Dobitz, Storytellers

Diane Dobitz, Greeter

Jeff Lowry and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Linda Ganske, Hearing Assist

Keri Johnson, Nursery

Danielle Stedman and Macey Forsyth, Children’s Chapel and Youth Group

Nancy Blethen and Sue Wiltgen, Hospitality

Opening Slideshow: To “Love Lift Us Up Where We Belong” music and lyrics by Will

Jennings, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and Jack Nitzsche, and performed by Buffy Sainte-Marie (b. 1941), an Indigenous Canadian-American singer-songwriter, musician, composer, visual artist, educator, pacifist, and social activist. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7C1JLd30Uk>

Congregational Greeting In-person and on Zoom

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: #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning” words and music by Kim Oler

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrrNoScR4gk>

Reading: “Blessed Are the Hungry” by the Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto, Unitarian Universalist minister who has served our congregations in Flint, MI and Oakland, CA

Story: “Earth Creation Story” read by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth and felt board by Diane Dobitz

Singing the Younger to CFD Activities

Meditation/Prayer

Sorrows and Joys

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

Giving: With offertory “It’s a Good Day (to Fight the System)” by Shungudzo (b. 1990), a Zimbabwean-American singer and reality television personality

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKd_iNZegS8

Sermon

Hymn: #1064 “Blue Boat Home” music by Roland Hugh Pritchard and words by Peter Mayer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsXl1_rEwI

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 Fellowship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level, and a program on Permaculture and Food Forests facilitated by our Green Sanctuary Team.