

**Soul Matters Monthly Theme:** What does it mean to be a Community on the Path of Love?

**To love a person is to learn the song /That is in their heart,  
And to sing it to them/ When they have forgotten.**

—Arne Garborg (1851-1924), a writer from Norway

**Order of Service for February 19, 2023:** Liberating Love

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Rebecca Larrabee, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Nancy Cramblit, Musician

Mae Gagnon and Diane Langland, Greeters

Andy Roberts and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Keri Johnson and Ireland Olson, Nursery

DeeAnn Nelson, Children’s Chapel and Youth Group

Alicia Bayer and Cindy Backman, Hospitality

**Announcements Slideshow** To “How Deep is Your Love” (1977) by The Bee Gees, performed in 2017 by PJ Morton (b. 1981), a Black American Grammy winning musician, singer, songwriter and record producer, and YEBBA (b. 1995), a White American singer and songwriter from West Memphis, Arkansas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F9pL06IC8k>

**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: #1008** “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place” (teal hymnal), words and music by Joyce Poley.

<https://farfringe.com/stj1008-when-our-heart-is-in-a-holy-place/>

**Reading:** “Love” by The enfleshed Worship Collective

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/affirmation/love>

**Story:** *Julian is a Mermaid* (2018), written and illustrated by Jessica Love, a White American theater actor, author, and illustrator <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoJ649zzZgs>

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

**Prayer/Meditation:** “Psalm 23 for This Moment” by the Rev. Kevin Tarsa serving the Unitarian

Universalist Community of the Mountains (Grass Valley, CA). Note: this prayer, Psalm 23 re-cast in the language of Love, was written for the 2017 GA memorial service in honor of former UUA Moderator, Jim Key <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/affirmation/psalm-23-moment>

### **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)*

**Giving/Offertory:** "Aria: My Heart Ever Faithful" (1725) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n23E4ug1weU>

### **Sermon**

**Video:** A Queer Vision of Love and Marriage

[https://www.ted.com/talks/tiq\\_milan\\_and\\_kim\\_katrin\\_milan\\_a\\_queer\\_vision\\_of\\_love\\_and\\_marriage?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/tiq_milan_and_kim_katrin_milan_a_queer_vision_of_love_and_marriage?language=en)

**Hymn:** #1053 "How Could Anyone" (teal hymnal), words and music by Libby Roderick

<https://farfringe.com/stj1053-how-could-anyone/>

### **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:** Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. UU101 in the Meeting Room for seekers and those looking for a refresher on our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition.

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