

## Diane 10:30 Welcome and Announcements

Good Morning everyone, and welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, where our worship is entirely real and vital, life-giving and life-sustaining in all times including in these times.

All of you here today, in person and through Zoom, are welcome in this time we make sacred together.

The Dakota peoples were stewards of  
the land on which our Fellowship building sits.

We commit to an ongoing and  
intentional journey of humble connection with  
Indigenous peoples Thus, we seek to be good relatives.

The following welcome was Written by the Rev. Dr. Debra W. Haffner

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersexual, demisexual, pansexual, or asexual, or resist labels completely, you are whole and welcome here.

If you are transgender, non-binary, gender queer or cis gender, you are whole and welcome here.

If you are confused about your sexuality, have questions, struggle in an intimate relationship or struggle because you aren't in one, you are whole and welcome here.

If you have had an abortion or an unintended pregnancy, given up a child, had a miscarriage, have AIDS or HIV, struggle with infertility, or sexual dysfunction, you are whole and welcome here.

If you have been the victim of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual assault, you are whole and welcome here.

If you have made sexual decisions or had behaviors that you regret, you are welcome here and we will help you offer restorative justice and healing.

Your sexuality is holy and sacred and an integral part of who you are. You are whole and welcome here.

As Unitarian Universalists, we will side with you, love you, and fight for your rights.

We seek to create a world where sexuality and sexual diversity is celebrated with holiness and integrity.

All are loved, worthy, and needed. Here, you can bring your whole self.

**We are one congregation. Let us make a joyful noise!**

**I am Diane Langland serving as your leader in worship this morning.**

Sunday Morning is a team effort and I'm grateful to all of you willing to serve.

Thanks to Sue Chambers serving as our Worship Associate today.

Thanks to our Pianist Nancy Cramblit and our Guitarist Daryl Hrdlicka

Thanks to our greeters:

Thanks to our Tech Squad, Andy Roberts and Worship Tech Kat Clements. Thanks to Denny Cramblit taking care of hearing assistance.

Children's worship is offered today by our Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth and Nursery Care by

If you are new to the Fellowship, we are grateful that you are expanding the "we" who is "us".

If you are attending by Zoom today, stay after service to visit together. We have in-person hospitality in the Fellowship Hall today thanks to :

### **10:35 SUE Chalice Lighting**

Together, let us kindle a flame symbolizing our co-creation of sacred space at home and in this place made sacred by years of love.

As you do, please write in the Chat that a chalice is lit on your street.

And please say the words with me, on the pew cards.

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.

### **10:37 MACEY Story**

And now our Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth reads a story "My Head is Full of colors"

### **10:40 Sing Children Out**

**10:41 KIDS ONLY MATTER WHEN THEY'RE NOT BORN YET Music:**

<https://vimeo.com/665276925> 1.21 min.

### **10:43 SUE Sorrows and Joys**

I invite us now into a time to share the sorrows and joys at the heart of our religious community, Please be sure to email Rev. Diana about any matters not mentioned today. I begin with our sorrows and concerns: May we do together the human and loving work

\*of remembering that many people do not have the right to reproductive care.

\*of remembering that many people are struggling to have their own body autonomy.

\*Any sorrows from the congregation? (read from table slips)

I hold a short stillness for all these sorrows expressed and not expressed.

And also our joys. May we do together the human and loving work of rejoicing in this religious community, where we turn for love, for compassion and companionship.

\*Any joys from the congregation? (read from table slips)

And for all the sorrows and joys we hold silently in our hearts and minds today, we take this breath together, our presence with each other a solace and a sharing.

**Hym:** Comfort Me Share my Joys (slide) will sing live with Nancy playing

**10:45 SUE introduce video message LEARN TO TELL YOUR STORY**

<https://sidewithlove.org/reading-learn-to-tell-your-story> 2 min.

**10:47 SUE Offering—Collection LIVE MUSIC-True Colors**

We are a religious community because we share meaning, identity, and purpose.

We sustain our religious community through sharing our financial resources.

It is a true mark of Unitarian Universalist polity to voluntarily gather as a people and to support ourselves without dependence on any higher authority.

Notice the QR Code on your Zoom screen and on the pew card. You can use your smart phone to go directly to the giving link on our UUFM webpage.

As you enjoy the offertory, and music from Nancy, Diane and Daryl consider your monetary gift to our community, that we may grow and flourish, increasingly able to spread compassion and make justice in the larger world

**10:55 Diane:** Today I am presenting information about UU's Musja's SACRed curriculum. I strongly encourage any of you interested to please consider participating in the next 7 sessions that will be offered again through Musja, they have not announced a date at this time, I will keep you posted. You will connect with other UU members throughout our state gathering by Zoom for a seven week session. Our congregation would need to Vote to be an official SACRed congregation. Just like we voted to become a Welcoming Community congregation.

**KAT PLAYS:** SACRed Video [https://youtu.be/\\_Dn\\_4vkRSKY](https://youtu.be/_Dn_4vkRSKY) 13 min.

**11:14 SUE** Introduces Live Music from Nancy, Diane and Daryl. Johnny Cash "Hurt"

**11:20** Chalice Extinguishing **SUE Reads**  
and Diane extinguishes.

As we conclude our time of worship this morning, let us make a promise that we will remain committed to sustained and robust relationship with each other, to the vision of our faith community, to the values of Unitarian Universalism, and to the interdependent web holding us all.

As I extinguish the sanctuary chalice, please extinguish you chalice at home. Say the words with me, which are on your pew cards.

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.

**SUE Singing Benediction**

Friends, let us join in a final song together. Words on your Zoom screen and on the pew cards.

Thus, we bless each other, and thus we are a blessing to each other.