

Soul Matters Monthly Theme: What does it mean to be a Community of People Finding Our Centers?

As we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.”

—Marianne Williamson

Order of Service for January 15, 2023: Rights and Responsibilities

Rev. Rita Capezzi. Preaching

Macey Forsyth, Director of Children’s Faith Development, Storyteller

Liz Kipp, Greeter

Jeff Lowry and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Keri Johnson and Korinne Spicer, Nursery

Deb Fitzloff and Macey Forsyth, Children’s Chapel

Lee Ganske, Youth Group

Announcements Slideshow To “I Am Light” (2017) by India Arie (b. 1975), a Black American songwriter and singer

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: #1010 “We Give Thanks” (teal hymnal), words and music by Wendy Luella Perkins. Recording of the UUFM Choir from the 937 Charles Ave. sanctuary

Reading: “11 Quotations about Love” from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

<https://www.bustle.com/life/martin-luther-king-jr-quotes-about-love-that-are-worth-repeating>

Story: *What Can a Citizen Do?* (2018) written by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Shawn Harris

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bln3hbyNa5s>

Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities

Prayer/Meditation: “Prayer for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday” by the Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, serving as interim minister at Unity-Unitarian in St. Paul, MN.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/5614.shtml>

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: To “Earth Song” (2020) by Frank Ticheli (1958), a White, American composer of

orchestral, choral, chamber, and concert band works. Performed by Acapella SF.
We take a Second Collection for Partners for Housing

Remarks

Video: “Love Your Enemy” delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL (1957) by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reflections

Hymn: “America the Beautiful” words by Katherine Lee Bates (1895) and music by Samuel A. Ward (1883). Alternate song lyrics for pre-election service written by Rev. Suzelle Lynch in 2020 adapted from alternate lyrics written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter in 1993. Sung by Helen Lowry.

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)*

Interlude: “Higher Ground” (1973) by Stevie Wonder. Performed by Helen Lowry and Paul Zanolli

In-person and On Zoom: UUFM MidYear Congregational Meeting