

Soul Matters Theme: What Does It Mean to be a People of Creativity?

“In times of strife, we have our imagination, we have our creative impulse, which are things that are more important than material things. They are the things we should magnify.”

—Patti Smith (b. 1946), a White American singer, songwriter, poet, painter, and author *in More Songwriters on Songwriting*

Order of Service for May 7, 2023: You on Creativity

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Susan Stevens Chambers, Worship Associate

Nancy Cramblit, Musician

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Andy Roberts and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Macey Forsyth and Deb Fitzloff, Children’s Chapel

Keri Johnson, Nursery

Opening Slideshow: To “Improvisació n°1” by Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950), a Black American folk and jazz singer known for his vocal techniques <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsQAeOZuxXw>

Congregational Greeting

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: #123 “Spirit of Life” (gray hymnal) words and music by Carolyn McDade

<https://farfringe.wpcomstaging.com/?s=123>

Reading: “Creation is Messy” by Laurel Mendes, member of the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Story: *Remember* (2023), words by Joy Harjo (b. 1951), performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek)

Nation who served three terms as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United, and illustrations by Michaela Goade (b. 1989), an American illustrator and member of the Tlingit and Haida tribes, known for her work on picture books about Indigenous

people. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGVqh-i2LPM>

Singing the Youngers to CFD Activities

Meditation/Prayer: “A Web of Holy Relationships” by the Rev. Lyn Cox, an ordained Unitarian

Universalist minister, an Accredited Interim Minister (AIM), and a pastoral counselor designated as a National Certified Counselor <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/web-of-holy-relationships>

Sorrows and Joys

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

Giving: To offertory “River Flows in You” (2014) by Yiruma (b. 1978), a South Korean pianist and composer

Sermon

Hymn: #1074 “Turn the World Around” (teal hymnal) words and music by Harry Belafonte
<https://farfringe.wpcomstaging.com/?s=1074>

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 Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level