

“The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us, and the light goes out.”

—James Baldwin (1924-1987), a Black American writer, educator, and activist

Order of Service for September 11, 2022: In-gathering Celebration of Our Past, Present, and Future

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Officiating

Sue Chambers, Worship Associate

Jane Schostag, Todd Schweim, Anika Rossow Strasser, and Macey Forsyth (Director of Children’s Faith Development), Readers

Nancy Cramblit, Pianist

Diane Dobitz and Penny Herickhoff, Greeters

Jeff Lowry and Todd Schweim, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Gathering Music

Greetings from the Whole Congregation (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Bell Chime

Welcome and Introduction to the Events

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: #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door” (gray hymnal), words by Louis Untermyer and music by Robert N. Quaile. <https://farfringe.com/stlt1-may-nothing-evil-cross-this-door/>

Sharing: Jane Schostag

History Slide Show

Ensemble: “We Would be One” #318 in the gray hymnal

Sharing: Todd Schweim

Meditation/Prayer: “Our Roots of Resilience” by the Rev. Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson, a White Unitarian Universalist minister serving the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee as the minister of religious education.

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)

Sharing: Anika Rossow Strasser

Offering/Offertory: “Yellow Jonquils” by Stanford King (1912-2010), a White American pianist, composer, and teacher. Played by Nancy Cramblit.

Reading: “Be Like Water” by Susan Stevens Chambers

Homily: Past, Present, and Future

Hymn: #100 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (gray hymnal), words and music by Marvin V. Frey.

<https://farfringe.com/stlt100-ive-got-peace-like-a-river/>

Water Communion Ritual

Re-Commitment to Community

Hymn: #1020 “Woyaya” (teal hymnal), words and music by Loughy Amoa, Solomon Amarifo, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh; with transcription by Ysaye M. Barnwell and arranged by Jeannie Gagné. A 20th-Century West African work song. <https://farfringe.com/stj1020-woyaya/>

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 and outside today, with a bounce house!

After Worship Zoom Room Open: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect.