

Order of Service for July 5, 2020: What Do We Celebrate on the 4th of July?
Rev. Rita Capezzi—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato (MN)

Gathering Music: “Patriotic Songs and Marches” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOnkLKq1rLY>
“The National Anthem” performed by Jimi Hendrix
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laEX3JGu3yl>

Centering Music: “We Americans” by The Avett Brothers
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MKm9TB9b6s&feature=youtu.be>

Bell Chime

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting (Please light at home your own chalice or candle. 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.

Reading: “The Courage to Begin Anew” by the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of the Starr King School for Ministry <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer-confession/courage-begin-anew#:~:text=The%20Courage%20to%20Begin%20Anew%20By%20Rosemary%20Bray,to%20be%20all%20we%20were%20meant%20to%20be.>

Reflection on Rev. Dr. McNatt’s words by Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin, Content Director and Organizing Board Member of Black Lives of UU

Reflection: Being, Rev. Rita Capezzi

Meditation: “A Prayer for America” by Rev. Tamara Lebak, Cultural Competency Consultant
<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/prayer-america>

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Sorrows and Joys: Please type into the Chat, and Rev. Rita will read aloud

Singing: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal); accompanied by Jeff Lowry
Comfort me, share my joy./ Comfort me, oh my soul. (2x)

Video: “The Great American Fourth of July” (excerpt) by Jean Shepherd (1980)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI96Gr1s1oo>

Video: “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July” (1852), excerpts read by descendants of Frederick Douglass
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBe5qbnkqoM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR10UWTiczmw80-gRkyi8mf8IA_edHvG2KJVF3Pg2yDRInDfA9YmeTI4o6o

Reflection: Seeing, Rev. Rita

Video: “The Look” produced by P & G <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJav36Nbn58>

Reading: "Patriot" by Alice Walker

<https://thegirlgod.blogspot.com/2013/09/patriot-by-alice-walker.html#:~:text=Patriot%20by%20Alice%20Walker%20%28From%20her%202003%20poetry,%22Absolute%20Faith%20in%20the%20Goodness%20of%20the%20Earth%22%29>

Reflection: Doing, Rev. Rita

Hymn: "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer (#1064 in *Singing the Journey*), created by Paul Thompson (Music Director at the UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow ID)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQ37DRNq-Ew&feature=youtu.be>

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: "Long Time Sun," UUFM Choir and Congregation accompanied by Nancy Cramblit

Congregational Greeting (everyone will be unmuted)

Coffee "Hour"