

Order of Service for August 16, 2020: What is Religion For?

Rev. Rita Capezzi—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato (MN)

Gathering Music: The Best of Ennio Morricone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GPbTmVcd1I>

Centering Music: “Ella’s Song” by Sweet Honey in the Rock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6Uus--gFrc&feature=youtu.be>

Bell Chime

Welcome

Announcements Read to “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” by Bobby McFerrin. See the Weekly Update for all the relevant news (link below) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PlgN0ta6E8>

Chalice Lighting (Please light at home your own chalice or candle. Type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street])

Singing: #188 (gray hymnal) “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmMp0OKHgTA&t=17s>

Reading: An excerpt from *American Immanence: Democracy for an Uncertain World* by Michael S. Hogue (Columbia University Press 2018), pp.136-137

Video: “Baby reacts to ‘Moonlight Sonata’”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHUnLY1_PvM

Offering: With accompaniment by Helen Lowry singing “Infant Joy,” a poem by William Blake with music by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Meditation: With words from the Rev. Sean Parker Dennison “How to Survive the Apocalypse” (in *Breaking and Blessing*—Skinner House Books 2020)

Bell Chime

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

Video: “DEAF,” a short film by Lina Jakobi (2017)

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

Homily: Why Religion?

Hymn: #123 (gray hymnal) “Spirit of Life”; accompanied by Jeffrey Lowry

Chalice Extinguishing

Singing Benediction: “Long Time Sun,” UUFM Choir and Congregation accompanied by Nancy Cramblit

Congregational Greeting (everyone will be unmuted)

Coffee “Hour”: Three 10-minute long gatherings to meet, talk, and connect.