

“The Tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao. The name that can be named is not the eternal name. The nameless is the beginning of heaven and earth. The named is the mother of ten thousand things. Ever desireless, one can see the mystery. Ever desiring, one sees the manifestations. These two spring from the same source but differ in name; this appears as a darkness. Darkness within darkness. The gate of all mystery.”

—Tao Te Ching, chapter 1

Order of Service for August 23, 2020: Exploring Religious Naturalism
Rev. Rita Capezzi—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato (MN)

Gathering Music: “Singing Birds” by Wildlife World 2019 [Wildlife videos from Belarus and Middle Europe, on YouTube since 2011] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7dYd-Ra8bk>

Centering Music: “Sky Above” by Jacob Collier [an English musician and autodidact born in 1994] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hrf5j6gXCo0>

Bell Chime

Welcome

Announcements Read to “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” by Bobby McFerrin [an African American jazz vocalist born in 1950] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PlgN0ta6E8>

See the Weekly Update for all the relevant news <https://mailchi.mp/d8d2ebf82a5a/your-august-19-weekly-update-is-here-4570214?e=b69a404b54>

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” [words adapted from 13th Century Persian poet and Islamic mystic Rumi, with music by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Lynn Ungar] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmMp0OKHgTA&t=17s>

Reading: “Krishna Opens his Mouth for Yashoda” from the Mahabharata, a fluid epic poem originally written in Sanskrit as early as the 3rd Century BCE

Offering: With offertory “Earth Song” sung by Cappella SF with words and music by Frank Ticheli [American orchestral composer born in 1958] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6l00Vz_pjto

Meditation: With words from the American lesbian poet Mary Oliver “Some Things, Say the Wise Ones” <https://rhymings.com/mary-oliver/some-things-say-the-wise-ones/>

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

[PLEASE NOTE! This video contains images that some may find disturbing]

Video: “Midway Island and the Albatross” by Chris Jordan [born in 1963, and American artist, photographer, and film producer, with activist and photographer Manuel Maqueda]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUM58LIU2Lo>

Homily: What If Nature Were All There Is?

Hymn: "One Voice" by The Wailin' Jennys [a Canadian music group active since 2002]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bc6HloRYZGc>

Chalice Extinguishing

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

Congregational Greeting (everyone will be unmuted)

Coffee "Hour": One 15-minute and two 10-minute long gatherings to meet, talk, and connect.