

**“The first duty of love is to listen.”**—German-American existentialist philosopher and Lutheran theologian Paul Tillich (1886-1965)

**Order of Service for October 18, 2020:** What Gets in the Way of Listening?

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

### **We Gather**

**Gathering Music:** Soundscape 1: Surround (1986) by Japanese musician, composer and pioneer of the ambient music known as kankyō ongaku Hiroshi Yoshimura (1940-2003)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJSuKb8YAYI&t=327s>

**Still to Come. . . After Worship** to *Six Morceaux: Feuillet d'album* of music by Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) played by Oxana Yablonskaya and acquired from MPR's Daily Download

<https://www.classicalmpr.org/story/2020/10/09/daily-download-peter-tchaikovsky--six-morceaux-feuillet-dalbum>

**Announcements** to “Waiting in Vain” (instrumental) by Jamaican singer, songwriter, musician, and tireless justice advocate Bob Marley (1945-81) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0j7lu49-h4> See the Weekly Update for all the relevant news <https://mailchi.mp/273d25ffa385/your-october-14-weekly-update-is-here-4641278?e=7c056a9674>

**Bell Chime**

### **We Invite and Welcome**

**Singing:** #188 (gray hymnal) “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” [words adapted from 13<sup>th</sup> Century Persian poet and Islamic mystic Rumi, with music by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Lynn Ungar]. Vocals by Jessie Downs and Helen Lowry, accompanied by Jonathan Vogtle (all of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY).

**Welcome**

### **Special Announcements**

**Chalice Lighting** with Macey Forsyth (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.*

### **We Orient to Worship/Worth-Shaping**

**Centering Music:** “Who’s Gonna Save My Soul Now” by Gnarlz Barkley, an American soul duo, active since 2006, composed of singer-songwriter CeeLo Green (1975- ) and producer Danger Mouse (1977- ) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLbE6aHjF7g>

**Story:** *The Other Way to Listen* by Byrd Baylor, illustrations by Peter Parnall. Read by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth <https://youtu.be/xF81YLvfbLg>

**Reading:** “When to Speak Up, When to Keep Silence” by the Rev. Mark Belletini from his collection *Sonata for Voice and Silence* (2008)

### **We Participate in Religious Community**

**Offering:** With offertory #402 "From You I Receive" sung by the Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

<https://youtu.be/k7a0Lei2OCA>

**Meditation:** "Via Negativa" by the Rev. Mark Belletini from his collection *Sonata for Voice and Silence* (2008)

**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

### **We Take a Deeper Dive**

**Homily:** What Gets in the Way of Listening?

**Hymn:** "There is More Love Somewhere" (#95 gray hymnal) sung by Helen Lowry, with accompaniment by Jonathan Vogtle (both of Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY)

### **We Shift to Companionship**

**Chalice Extinguishing** with Macey Forsyth

*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," 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.*

**Congregational Greeting** (everyone will be invited to unmute)

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