

“Our listening creates sanctuary for the homeless parts of another person.”—Rachel Naomi Remen

Order of Service for October 25, 2020: Listening to Others

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

We Gather

Gathering Music: *Thursday Afternoon* by Brian Eno (1948-) an English musician, record producer, visual artist, and theorist best known for his pioneering work in ambient music and contributions to rock, pop and electronica. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTHF2Dfw1Dg>

Still to Come. . . After Worship to “Love Song” from *Cinema Paradiso* by Giuseppe Tornatore (1956-), an Italian film director and screenwriter. Played by Yo-Yo Ma (1955-), an American cellist and a child prodigy, performing from the age of four and a half, born in Paris, France to Chinese parents and educated in New York City.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxhQM-r-JkA>

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/b8f04a4fc990/your-october-21-weekly-update-is-here-4641930?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

We Invite and Welcome

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]. Vocals by Jessie Downs and Helen Lowry, accompanied by Jonathan Vogtle (all courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY). We are reminded that the original poem includes the line “though we’ve broken our vows a thousand time,” a call to humility, forgiveness, and repair.

Welcome

Special Announcements

We Orient to Worship/Worth-Shaping

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yZcr-4uzKQ&feature=youtu.be> 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.

Stewardship Moment with Deb Fitzloff

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ldlb5AZ4cnA&feature=youtu.be>

Centering Music: “I Hear Your Song, Sweetness” by George Taylor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1Gr7DMulq4>

Story: “The Messiah is Among Us” read by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOf0WgyLRxU&feature=youtu.be>

Reading: “Just Listen” from *Kitchen Table Wisdom* by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. (1938-), an author about and teacher of alternative medicine in the form of integrative medicine.

https://hospiceyukon.net/s_o_listen.html#:~:text=Just%20Listen%20From%20%E2%80%9CKitchen%20Table%20Wisdom%E2%80%9D%20by%20Rachel,And%20especially%20if%20it%E2%80%99s%20given%20from%20the%20heart.

We Participate in Religious Community

Offering: With offertory #402 (gray hymnal) “From You I Receive” by Joseph and Nathan Segal (brothers and both rabbis who wrote and sang together in the 1960s-1980s and sung by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt <https://youtu.be/k7a0Lei2OCA>

Meditation: “Making Room for All That Is” by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Lyn Cox <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/making-room-all>

Bell Chime

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

Singing: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein (teal hymnal); accompanied by Jeff Lowry

We Take a Deeper Dive

Homily: Listening to Each Other?

Hymn: “I Know Rose Will Open” by Mary Grigolia (#396 gray hymnal) sung by Helen Lowry, Michael Harris, and Jessie Downs with accompaniment by Jonathan Vogtle (all courtesy of Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY)

We Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Chalice Extinguishing with Deb Fitzloff

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

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*, sung by 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”: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect, today on matters of stewardship and belonging.