

**“Covenantal theology doesn’t just say that we become human through our promising, but also we become human when we break those promises, and yet somehow find ways to reconnect and begin again – when we repair the relationship because we know we need each other.”—Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Gretchen Haley**

**Order of Service for September 27, 2020:** Renewing Our Commitments to Each Other  
Rev. Rita Capezzi—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato (MN)

### **We Gather**

**Gathering Music:** “Children’s Songs” by American jazz pianist/electric keyboardist and composer Chick Corea (1941- ) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2zpbq8mr7w>

**Still to Come. . . After Worship** Read to “Just the Way You Are” (instrumental) by Latino multi-instrumentalist, singer, and dancer Peter Gene Hernandez aka Bruno Mars (1985- )  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCSDK3iZTLg>

**Announcements** Read to “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” (instrumental) by African American jazz vocalist Bobby McFerrin (1950- ) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO-Nbb-Dcsc> See the Weekly Update for all the relevant news <https://mailchi.mp/0aa9c83ac9c4/your-september-23-weekly-update-is-here-4600674?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] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmMp0OKHgTA&t=17s>

**Welcome**

**Special 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.*

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

**Centering Music:** “Room at the Table” by American singer, songwriter and author Carrie Newcomer (1958- ) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92OM5bdQ4N4>

**Story:** “The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story” by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=17&v=Rmuiw70rkBA&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=17&v=Rmuiw70rkBA&feature=emb_logo)  
Story adapted and read by Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth  
<https://youtu.be/iKEGloozWyo>

**Ritual:** New Member Hand Blessing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BYWwvF8mP8>  
“Good Enough (My Hands Are)” by African American self-described

“singer, songwriter, parent, teacher and perpetual student” Lea Morris

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

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

**Offering:** With offertory “Love is Something (Magic Penny)” by American folk/blues singer-songwriter and political activist Malvina Reynolds (1900-1978)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB5Z\\_30xSe8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB5Z_30xSe8)

**Meditation:** By the Rev. Lisa Friedman (UU minister at the Minnetonka congregation) #99 from *Lifting Our Voices* (2015)

### **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:** Renewing Our Commitments to Each Other

**Hymn:** “We Shall Be Known” by the “How We Thrive” Virtual Choir for UU the Vote

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft2reFzQtOI&list=PL\\_H2KQ27RNbusYdLeYaN4PQdMdyf8btR6&index=49](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft2reFzQtOI&list=PL_H2KQ27RNbusYdLeYaN4PQdMdyf8btR6&index=49)

### **We Shift to Companionship**

#### **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

*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 unmuted)

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