

“My heart is moved by all I cannot save: so much has been destroyed I have to cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely, with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.”—Adrienne Rich 1929-2012, American poet, proud lesbian, and feminist)

Order of Service for November 8, 2020: Healing (from) Our Democracy
Rev. Rita Capezzi—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato (MN)

We Gather

Gathering Music: #153 (gray hymnal) “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom”
from UU Rev. Joann of All Souls Church of Braintree
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6XRr9UuAuQ>
The Freedom Singers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TszixdKfOsE>
Resistance Revival Chorus TEDxAsburyPark <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNOvcGEaXe4>
The Weavers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bxQCgs8W9g>
John Legend official video from “The Soundtrack for a Revolution”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pOVElQFNMs> and
Joy to the Polls <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ILRyUOcTFI>

Still to Come. . . After Worship to Emma Stevens singing “Blackbird” by The Beatles in Mi’kmaq
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99-LoEkaa3w>

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/6f244b3530f2/your-november-04-weekly-update-is-here-4645838?e=b69a404b54>

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 Elora Greiner

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.

Centering Music: “Sing Gently” composed by Eric Whitacre, directing Virtual Choir 6 (with 17, 572 singers from 129 countries, including Jeff Lowry). Whitacre (1970-) is an American conductor and composer of choral, orchestral, and wind ensemble music.

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

Story: “Together We Grow” by Susan Vaught, illustrated by Kelly Murphy, and read by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czm9_md8ST4

Video: “Kintsugi Japanese Gold Repair of Pottery at Maikoya—December 20, 2019” Kimono Tea Ceremony Kyoto Maikoya—Osaka Branch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch7LdyJQvY>

We Co-Create 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: Meditation on the Words of David Levithan and Lubavitcher Rebbe by Rev. Rita Capezzi
David Levithan (1972-) is an American young adult fiction author and editor whose work features strong male gay characters. Lubavitcher Rebbe (1902-1994), also known as Menachem Mendel Schneerson, was a Russian Empire-born American Orthodox Jewish rabbi, and considered one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century.

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

Hand Ritual: Meditation created and led by Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI from the UUA/Side With Love/UU the Vote National Post-Election Vigil, Thursday, November 5

<https://vimeo.com/unitarianuniversalist/download/476418581/a6dbc0ce05>

Video: “Morgan Freeman Reads Rep. John Lewis’ Last Words” (*The Last Word*, MSNBC)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2DSkAys-8>

Closing Words: Healing (from) Our Democracy

Hymn: “America the Beautiful” (with new words written by Rev. Suzelle Lynch in 2020 adapted from alternate lyrics written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter in 1993). Sung by Helen Lowry.

We Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Chalice Extinguishing with Elora Greiner

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.