

“As citizens, we must prevent wrongdoing because the world in which we all live—wrong-doer, wrong sufferer, and spectator—is at stake.”

--Hannah Arendt (1906-1975), German-born American political theorist

Order of Service for January 10, 2021: Life and Love After Insurrection

Rev. Rita, Capezzi, with readings by Macey Forsyth, Mae Gagnon, and Jason Toupenca

Macey Forsyth, John Knox, and Treselia Greiner providing Zoom support

You enter this morning with an invitation to unmute and chat with each other.

We Gather

Gathering Music: "All You Fascists Bound To Lose" by Woody Guthrie, performed by the Resistance Revival Chorus with Rhiannon Giddens (2020)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWUa7aAIfLE>

Centering Music: "There's No Hole in My Head" by Malvina Reynolds (1965)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jysuQ4HQpSc>

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

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

Reading from Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Tania Marquez, serving the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

We Orient to Worship/Worth-Shaping

Chalice Lighting with Jeff Lowry

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.

Video Prayer: Prayer offered on January 6, 2021 by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Claire Feingold Thoryn, serving Follen Community Church in Lexington, MA. Read by Jason Toupenca.

Video Reading: Excerpt from "To heal America, we must repudiate not just Trump but also his politics of

demonization” by *Washington Post* Opinion Writer Michael Gerson on 1 8 21. Read by Mae Gagnon.

Music: “Tyrants Always Fall” (2017) by The Nields, American folk-rock band by sisters Katryna and Nerissa Nields active since 1991
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubWQHdHTLRI>

We Co-Create Religious Community

Giving: 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: “Blessing in the Chaos” by Jan Richardson, American artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church <https://wordsfortheyear.com/2015/07/21/blessing-in-the-chaos-by-jan-richardson/>

Bell Chime

Honoring Our Beloved Jan Klages with “Gracias a la Vida” played by Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgrkXeS7WWY>

Please type into the Chat your memories of and feelings for Jan and her family.

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; accompanied by Jeff Lowry

We Take a Deeper Dive

Video Reading: “Let America Be America Again” by Langston Hughes (1902-1967), African American poet and social activist. Read by Danez Smith at The Loft (2017).
[The Loft Presents: Danez Smith "Let America Be America Again" - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPP9xwZ4WPY)

Homily: Life and Love After Insurrection

Video Prayer: “prayer of protection” by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, UUA staff for the Mass Bay Executive Team and co-founder of the Lucy Stone Co-operative. Read by Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth.

Hymn: #170 “We Are a Gentle Angry People,” by Holly Near. Sung with guitar accompaniment by Michelle Galo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPP9xwZ4WPY>

We Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Chalice Extinguishing with Jeff Lowry

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.