

**“Somehow we’ve weathered and witnessed a nation that isn’t broken,
but simply unfinished. . . .**

**And yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine,
but that doesn’t mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.
We are striving to forge our union with purpose.”**

--Amanda Gorman, Youth Poet Laureate

Order of Service for January 24, 2021: Imagining Our Future

Rev. Rita, Capezzi preaching

Macey Forsyth, Liz Kipp, and Treselia Greiner providing Zoom support

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

We Gather

Gathering Music: “Hawai’i ‘78” by Israel Ka’ano’i Kamakawiwo’ole aka IZ (1959-1997), singer-lyricist, musician, and Hawaiian sovereignty activist [Hawaii '78 - IZ - YouTube](#)

Centering Music: “A New World” by Lea Morris, American singer-songwriter [A New World - YouTube](#)

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

We Orient to Worship/Worth-Shaping

Chalice Lighting with DeeAnn Nelson

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 Story: *I Wonder* Written by Annaka Harris, illustrated by John Rowe Read by Children’s Faith Development Director Macey Forsyth. [I Wonder - YouTube](#)

Video Reading: “The Hill We Climb” by Amanda Gorman, Youth Poet Laureate, delivered at the

Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, 46th President of the United States, and the swearing in of Vice President Kamala Harris, first woman, first Black, and first Southeast Asian person in this role
[Amanda Gorman recites stunning poem at Biden inauguration - YouTube](#)

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: Prayer by Unitarian Universalist minister, the Rev. Sara LaWall serving the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boise

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; accompanied by Jeff Lowry

We Take a Deeper Dive

Homily: Imagining Our Future

Hymn: #1000 “Morning Has Come” (teal hymnal), words and music by Jason Shelton. Created by Paul Thompson (Music Director at the UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow ID). [Morning has Come - YouTube](#)

We Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Chalice Extinguishing with DeeAnn Nelson

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)

Mid-Year Meeting and Children’s Chapel follow worship today