

I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed.
--Nelson Mandela

Order of Service for February 14, 2021: How Do You Love an Enemy, When the Enemy is Uncle Festus?
Rev. Rita Capezzi preaching
Zoom support this morning from Macey Forsyth and Elora Greiner, and Worship Tech Treselia Greiner

You enter this morning with an invitation to unmute and chat with each other until we begin the Gathering Music at about 10:20am.

We Gather

Still to Come. . . After the Service to “Classical Piano Music of Claude Debussy with Impressionist Paintings” [Classical piano music of Claude Debussy with impressionist paintings - 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 [February 10, 2021 Weekly Update \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Centering Music: “Stand by Me,” words and music by American song writers Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller. Performed by Tracy Chapman (b. 1964) [TRACY CHAPMAN "Stand By Me" - YouTube](#)

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 Karen and John Knox

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.

Story: *Each Kindness* written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Read by Children’s Faith Development Director Macey Forsyth <https://youtu.be/rLEmgpESa1o>

Video: “The Allegory of the Long Spoons” [One Human Family, Food for All - YouTube](#) From *One Human*

Family, Food for All campaign of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of over 160 diverse member organizations, inspired by Catholic faith, working at the grassroots in almost every country of the world whenever a crisis hits. [Caritas - Ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity](#)

We Co-Create Religious Community

Supporting Our Faith: 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>

Centering Our Hearts and Minds: With the words of UU minister, the Rev. Lyn Cox, “A Web of Holy Relationships” <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/web-of-holy-relationships>

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

Readings and Reflections: How Do You Love an Enemy, When the Enemy is Uncle Festus?

Hymn: #95 “There is More Love Somewhere” (gray hymnal), an African American hymn sung by alto Helen Lowry and accompanied by pianist Jonathan Vogtle, both courtesy of the UU Church of Buffalo, NY

We Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Chalice Extinguishing with Karen and John Knox

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)

Children’s Chapel and “Coffee Hour” follow worship

The UU Church of Minnetonka is also offering “Eat Your Way to a Lower Carbon Footprint”

beginning at 11:45 this morning, a monthly climate justice Zoom event. Join Melissa Martinson to learn more about how what you eat has an impact on climate change. All are welcome to attend. **Join Zoom**

Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96370101708?pwd=SlZFNHBkTFAXUXYrN0psRlVLbjVmZz09>

If you need to call in: Dial: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 963 7010 1708 Passcode: 439737