

UUFM Sunday Worship, featuring the UUA Side with Love Sunday Service: February 21, 2021

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Gathering begins at 10:10 am, with Worship beginning at 10:30 am

Still to Come . . . After the Service to “Higher Ground” by American singer and songwriter Stevie Wonder (b. 1950). Featuring Helen Lowry and members of the UU Church of Buffalo House Band (Paul Zanolli, vocals, bass, guitar, and organ; Charles Lambrose, violin, H. David Sheets, mandolin; and David Stiles, drums; all courtesy of the UU Church of Buffalo, NY)

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 17, 2021 Weekly Update](#) ([mailchi.mp](#))

Bell Chime

Welcome from Rev. Rita Capezzi

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Welcome Everette R. H. Thompson

Prelude "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" by Joyce Poley (#1008, *Singing the Journey*). Performed by David B. Smith, Rick Fortner, and Matt Edwards.

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin, Dr. Tuli Patel, Rev. Michael Crumpler, Julica Hermann de la Fuente, Laura Conkle, and Rev. Erika Hewitt.

Time for All Ages Introduced and told by Dr. Tuli Patel, based on "[The Agreement](#)" by Barry Lopez.

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>

Musical Interlude "Love Train" by Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff (BMI/CCS). Performed by David B. Smith, Rick Fortner, and Matt Edwards.



Reflection “Healing the We” by Laura Conkle

Reflection “Embodied Learning” by Julica Hermann de la Fuente

Hymn “Love Will Guide Us” by Sally Rogers (#131, *Singing the Living Tradition*).
Performed by David B. Smith, Rick Fortner, and Matt Edwards.

Reflection “The Call of Our Faith” by Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin

Hymn “There Is More Love Somewhere” (African American spiritual; #95, *Singing the Living Tradition*). Arranged by Adam Podd and sung by the choir of First Unitarian Society, Brooklyn.

Sorrows and Joys Please type into the Chat, and Rev. Rita will read aloud

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael Crumpler, LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs
Director, UUA

Closing Words and Chalice Extinguishing
Rev. Erika Hewitt, Dr. Tuli Patel, Julica Hermann de la Fuente, Dr. Takiyah Nur
Amin, Laura Conkle, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray.

Postlude “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers. (#1021, *Singing the Journey*). Performed
by David B. Smith, Rick Fortner, and Matt Edwards.

Congregational Greeting and Coffee “Hour” follow today’s service.

Side with Love Participants

We offer thanks to these contributors, whose complete biographies can be found on [WorshipWeb](#).

- Everette Thompson (he/him) serves as Campaign Manager for Side With Love.
- Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray (she/her) is President of the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin (she/her) has been a member of the Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective Board since 2016.
- Dr. Tuli Patel (she/her) is the Executive Director and the lead for the Lifespan Ministry team at Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit, NJ.
- Rev. Michael Crumpler (he/him) serves as the LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

- Julica Hermann de la Fuente (she/her) serves as the Director of Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Ministries at the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, and is currently completing her path toward ordination.
- Laura Conkle (they/them) is a lay leader who serves Unitarian Universalism at the local, regional, and national levels.
- Rev. Erika Hewitt (she/her), the coordinator and liturgist for this service, serves as Minister of Worship Arts for the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- David B. Smith (he/him) serves as Executive Director of Worship at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK.
- Rick Fortner is Director of Music at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK.
- Adam Podd is Music Director and choral conductor at First Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, NY.

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- Greg Raw and Tanner Fox (All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa), technical engineering
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- Rev. Patrice Curtis, UUA

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This service was created as part of [30 Days of Love](#), an annual celebration that focuses on bold, courageous action for intersectional racial justice.