

**“What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?”**

—George Eliot, aka Mary Ann Evans (1819-1880), English novelist, poet, journalist and translator

**Order of Service for March 4, 2021: Money and Reciprocity**

The Rev. Rita Capezzi preaching

Macey Forsyth, Elora Greiner, and Treselia Greiner, Zoom support

### **We Gather and Invite**

**Still to Come. . . After Worship** to “Waiting in Vain” (instrumental) by Black Jamaican singer, songwriter, musician, and tireless justice advocate Bob Marley (1945-81)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0j7lu49-h4>

**Announcements** to “Money” (Official Music Video) by Pink Floyd

[Pink Floyd - Money \(Official Music Video\) - YouTube](#)

### **Bell Chime**

**Singing:** #188 (gray hymnal) “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” [words adapted from 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Center Ourselves to Worship/Shape Worth**

**Chalice Lighting** with Susan Stevens Chambers

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:** [Malvina Reynolds - The Money Crop - YouTube](#) Malvina Reynolds (1900-1978) was an American folk/blues singer-songwriter and political activist.

**Story:** *Tree and the Ancient Forest* (1995) by Carol Reed-Jones and illustrated by Christopher Canyon.

Read on video by Children’s Faith Development Director Macey Forsyth. [The Tree in the Ancient Forest - YouTube](#)

**Reading:** Excerpt from “The Serviceberry: An Economy of Abundance” by Robin Wall Kimmerer (b. 1953) describes herself as a mother, scientist, professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation [The Serviceberry: An Economy of Abundance – Robin Wall Kimmerer \(emergencemagazine.org\)](#)

### **We Build 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 and Prayer:** “Shaped by our dedication to the values that shape us...” Rev. Karen G. Johnston, Unitarian Universalist minister serving our congregation in East Brunswick, NJ.

**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**

**Sermon:** Money and Reciprocity

**Hymn:** [#128 For All That Is Our Life - YouTube](#) (gray hymnal) Words by Bruce Findlow and music by Patrick L. Rickey. Performed by Chelsea Sardoni, mezzo-soprano

### **We Move into the Larger World with Renewed Commitment**

**Chalice Extinguishing** with Susan Stevens Chambers

*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)

**Break Out Rooms:** A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect.