

Order of Service for May 23, 2021: Joy!

Rev. Rita Capezzi, preaching

Zoom Support from Dennis Cramblit, Macey Forsyth, and Treselia Greiner

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) [Bob Marley - Waiting In Vain Instrumental - YouTube](#)

Announcements to “Big Yellow Taxi” by white Canadian singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell (1970). Sung by Helen Lowry and accompanied on guitar by Paul Zanolli (both of the cover band The Bitter Nasties, based in Buffalo, NY). [Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell - YouTube](#)

Bell Chime

Singing: #188 (gray hymnal) “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” [words adapted from 13th Century Persian poet and Islamic mystic Rumi, with music by white Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Lynn Ungar]. Vocals by soprano Jessie Downs and mezzo soprano 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 Elora Greiner on video [Elora Greiner Chalice Lighting - YouTube](#)

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: Joy written Corrinne Averiss and illustrated by Isabella Follath (2018), read on video by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth [Joy - YouTube](#)

Honoring Our Graduating Seniors to “Time of Your Life” by Green Day (1997)

[Green day - Time of your life with lyrics - YouTube](#)

Litany: “We Travel This Road Together” by the Rev. Tess Baumberger, a Unitarian Universalist minister serving as a chaplain in New England. [We Travel This Road Together | WorshipWeb | UUA.org](#)

Celebration of Community to “Celebrate” by Kool and the Gang (1980)

[Celebrate Good Times... Come on!!! - YouTube](#)

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; sung by white Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt <https://youtu.be/k7a0Lei2OCA>

Meditation: “A Web of Holy Relationships” by the Rev. Lyn Cox, Unitarian Universalist minister serving

the Washington Ethical Society in an interim capacity. [A Web of Holy Relationships | WorshipWeb | UUA.org](#)

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: Joy!

Hymn: #1020 “Woyaya” (teal hymnal) written by the Afro-pop band Osibisa a musical group of Ghanaian and Caribbean musicians, first recorded in 1971. Video created by Paul Thompson (Music Director at the UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow ID) and congregants of that congregation. This song “was frequently heard in work camps throughout central West Africa in the 1970s and 1980s. The arrangement in Singing the Journey comes from the version by Ysaye Barnwell (of Sweet Honey in the Rock).” [Woyaya - YouTube](#)

We Move into the Larger World with Renewed Commitment

Chalice Extinguishing with Elora Greiner on video [Elora Greiner Chalice Extinguishing - YouTube](#)

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 is invited to unmute)

Annual Meeting: After a 10-minute Bio Break, we return for reports, elections, and discussion.

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