

“Old and new make the warp and woof of every moment. There is no thread that is not a twist of these two strands.”

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82), American Unitarian minister and transcendental writer and philosopher

Order of Service for August 22, 2021: Everything Old Is New Again

Rev. Rita Capezzi, preaching

Zoom Support from Macey Forsyth, Penny Herickhoff, 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 “Bird Song” by The Wailin’ Jennys, a Canadian bluegrass group active since 2002.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEGCvR9H39c>

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]. Sung by soprano Jessie Downs and mezzo soprano Helen Lowry, accompanied by pianist Jonathan Vogtle (courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY).

We are reminded that the original verse 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 on video

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.

Reading: “The Glove in the Subway” by the Rev. Jane Ranney Rzepka, a Unitarian Universalist writer and retired senior minister of the Church of the Lager Fellowship (1999-2010) [The Glove in the Subway | WorshipWeb | UUA.org](#)

Hymn: #1023 “Building Bridges” (teal hymnal), words from the women of Greensham Common peace occupation in England, 1983, and music from a contemporary English Quaker round. Sung by Julia Stubbs, Music Director for UU Church of Sterling & Public School Music Teacher. [Building Bridges UU Hymn 4 part Round - YouTube](#)

Story: *The Day You Begin*, written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López. Read on video by Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth https://youtu.be/tH_JhFVAkV8

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: "We Hold Hope Close," by the Rev. Theresa I. Soto, a Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Oakland, CA congregation.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/we-hold-hope-close>

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. Sung and accompanied by Jeff Lowry.

We Take a Deeper Dive

Homily: Everything Old is New Again

Hymn: #350 "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time" (gray hymnal), words by John Andrew Storey with music from an African American spiritual adapted and harmonized by Harry T. Burleigh. Sung by the Choir of the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore. [Hymn #350: "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time" - YouTube](#)

We Move into the Larger World with Renewed Commitment

Chalice Extinguishing with Susan Stevens Chambers on video

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)

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