

**“[Humanity] lives in a world of surmise, of mystery, of uncertainties.”**

--John Dewey (1859-1952), American philosopher, psychologist, and educational reformer

**Order of Service for August 8, 2021: Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour**

Rev. Rita Capezzi, preaching

Zoom Support from Cathi Fouchi, Liz Kipp, 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 advocate for liberation Bob Marley (1945-81).

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

**Announcements** to “Let the Mystery Be” by American Singer-songwriter Iris DeMent (1960- ).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlaoR5m4L80> [August 4, 2021 Weekly Update \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

**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 white Unitarian Universalist minister, the Rev. Lynn Ungar]. Sung by soprano Jessie Downs and mezzo soprano Helen Lowry, accompanied by pianist 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 Treselia Greiner 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.*

**Hymn:** #389 “Gathered Here” (gray hymnal), words and music by Philip A. Porter. Sung by mezzo-soprano Helen Lowry (courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY).

**Story:** *All of Us*, written by Kathryn Erskine and illustrated by Alexandra Boiger. Read on video by our Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth. <https://youtu.be/7oMBjaBWis0>

**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 Hymn:** #1047 “Nada Te Turbe” (teal hymnal), words by St. Teresa of Jesus and music by Jacques Berthier. Sung and accompanied by Jeff Lowry.

**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:** Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour

**Hymn:** #1003 "Where Do We Come From?" (teal hymnal), words by Paul Gauguin and Brian Tate, music by Brian Tate. Sung by mezzo-soprano Helen Lowry (courtesy of the UU Church of Buffalo, NY).

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

**Chalice Extinguishing** with Treselia Greiner 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.