

“You could be the water...for/by the scent of water alone,/the withered vine/comes back to life...”

--Clarissa Pinkola Estés

Order of Service for October 3, 2021: Water Communion: Relationship with Our Building and Each Other

Rev. Rita Capezzi, officiating

Macey Forsyth, Zoom Host

Treselia Greiner and Andy Roberts, Tech Squad

We Gather and Invite

Opening Slides: Welcome to UUFM Worship; Centering Quotation and Service Title; Announcements; Still to Come. . . After Worship; Invitation to type Joys and Sorrows into the Chat (Chat will close after the Giving Slide) to “Relaxing Piano Music for Meditation”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77Zozl0rw7w>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “Invoking the Past, Present, and Future” by the Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, who serves as Associate Minister at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in the DC Metro

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/invoking-past-present-and-future>

Welcome

Special Announcements

We Center Ourselves to Worship/Shape Worth

Chalice Lighting: Please 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.

Ritual: “Blessing the Backpacks” on video with Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tAxmLUCNpc>

Reading: “The Rainmaker” by Clarissa Pinkola Estés (b. 1945), a first-generation American writer and

Jungian psychoanalyst <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/-The-Rainmaker-----PCC-eNews-05-27-2020.html?soid=1100360207489&aid=QAPD5oHODXY>

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: “The Strength of Water” by Director of Religious Education Jamila Batchelder and UU Minister the Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, both serving the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, Missouri <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/strength-water>

Bell Chime

Sorrows and Joys

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein. Sung and accompanied by

Jeff Lowry.

We Take a Deeper Dive

Video: The Space We Call Our Spiritual Home, created by Treselia Greiner played to “Home” by performed by Phillip Phillips <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoRkntoHkIE>

Ritual: Pouring the Waters, Mingling the Waters

Homily: We Travel Together by Water

Hymn: #1064 “Blue Boat Home” (teal hymnal) by Peter Mayer
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsXl1_rEwI

We Move into the Larger World with Renewed Commitment

Chalice Extinguishing

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.