

“Your gifts—whatever you discover them to be—can be used to bless or curse the world.”

—the Rev. Rebecca Parker

Order of Service for October 24, 2021: Choose to Bless the World: Side With Love and MUUSJA

Karen Wills, Executive director of MUUSJA, Preaching

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Worship Associate

Macey Forsyth, Zoom Host

Treselia Greiner and Jeff Lowry, 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 “Get Up, Stand Up” by The Wailers (with Lloyd

Willis) [The Wailers \(with Lloyd Willis\) - Get Up, Stand Up Instrumental - YouTube](#)

<https://mailchi.mp/fb6f9c263f83/your-oct-20-weekly-update-is-here-5342202?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: From "Choose to Bless the World" by the Rev. Rebecca Parker, writer, theologian and former President of Starr King Theological School

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/blessing/choose-bless-world>

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.

Story: *Pearl Moscowitz's Last Stand* (2001) by Arthur A. Levine, read on video by our Director of Children's Faith Development, Macey Forsyth <https://youtu.be/vRYi11EsP7k>

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: From “Choose to Bless the World” by the Rev. Rebecca Parker

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: “An Introduction to MUUSJA: 2020 Annual Meeting,” narrated by Karen Wills
<https://tinyurl.com/MUUSJA2020>

Homily: Choose to Bless the World: Side With Love and MUUSJA

Hymn: #155 “Circle Round for Freedom” (gray hymnal) words and music by Linda Hirschhorn and performed by the Rev. Christopher Watkins Lamb for the Foothills Unitarian Church at a Black Lives Matter protest in 2020 [Circle Round for Freedom - YouTube](#)

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. Any who wish to talk to Karen about work for justice can stick around in the main room (do not accept the invitation to join another room).