

“The prophetic tasks of the church are to tell the truth in a society that lives in an illusion, grieve in a society that practices denial, and express hope in a society that lives in despair.”

--American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian Walter Brueggemann (1933-)

Order of Service for November 14, 2021: What Might It Mean to Hold the History of the
“Dakota War”? And Why Should We?

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Cheiron McMahill, Zoom Host

Jeff Lowry and Andy Roberts, Tech Squad (with guest trainees)

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 “Blackbird” by The Beatles, sung in Mi’kmaq by Emma Stevens <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99-LoEkAA3w>
<https://mailchi.mp/c52cf7607208/your-nov-10-weekly-update-is-here-5362906?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “Grace Meets Us Where We Are” by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Gretchen Haley serving Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, CO

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/grace-meets-us-where-we-are>

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: *We are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* (2018) written by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frane Lessac. Read on video by our Director of Children’s Faith Development, Macey Forsyth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZLmoJeZNOw>

Music: “Land Back” (2020) by The Halluci Nation, a First Nations electronica band based in Canada, with musicians Ft. Bogey, The Beat, and Northern Voice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67F7WbcTQKA> . This song is offered for free use when paired with efforts to aid Indigenous Peoples in buying back land, a mission EdJ is supporting in December. Let you think tradition resides only in the forms of the past.

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: “Prayer of Reconciliation” by Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Anne Barker, serving the Westwood Unitarian Society in Edmonton, AB

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/prayer-reconciliation>

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

Reading: “History’s Road” by Unitarian Universalist ministers the Rev. Margaret Bowens-Wheatley (d. 2006) and the Rev. Clyde Grubbs, DMin (Texas Cherokee)

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/historys-road>

Homily: How Ought We Hold the History of the “Dakota War”?

Hymn: #1069 “Ancient Mother” (teal hymnal), a traditional Navajo tune. Performed by the UUFM Choir and Congregation in the Charles Avenue Sanctuary.

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. Please accept the invitation to join a room. Rev. Rita will be in the Main Room if you wish to speak with her.