

To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves.

--Alice Walker (b. 1944), an American novelist, short story writer, poet, and social activist

Order of Service for November 21, 2021: Bread Communion: Tradition and Change

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Macey Forsyth, 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 “An Ocean and a Rock” (2008) by Irish musician, singer, composer, and voice actress Lisa Hannigan (b. 1981). Performed by Helen Lowry (courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW-OkvO8_TQ

<https://mailchi.mp/daf903455f72/your-nov-17-weekly-update-is-here-5369130?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “We Come to Love a Church” by the Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Kennedy, Minister Emeritus, First Unitarian Society Milwaukee <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/5433.shtml>

Welcome

Special Announcements

We Center Ourselves to Worship/Shaping 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: *Sun Bread* written and illustrated by Elisa Kleven. Read on video by our Director of Children’s Faith Development, Macey Forsyth. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNkhhgmeaHo>

Music: “Call It Dreaming” (2017) by Samuel “Sam” Ervin Beam (b.1974), better known by his stage name Iron & Wine, an American singer-songwriter from South Carolina

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAll1Ls3iBQ>

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: “Holy Is This Place” by the Rev. Maureen Killoran, Minister Emerita UU Congregation of Asheville, NC <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/holy-place>

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: “We Find Our Salvation Here” by the Rev. Deanna Vandiver, an Affiliated Minister with the Church of the Larger Fellowship <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/we-find-our-salvation-here>

Homily: Tradition and Change

Hymn: “We Are One” by Vancouver-based vocalist, composer/arranger, pianist, percussionist, choir director, and educator Brian Tate. Performed by the UUFM Choir in the Charles Avenue Sanctuary on January 22, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMilsFcGRaI>

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.