

“In times of universal deceit, telling the truth will be a revolutionary act.”

--George Orwell (1903-1950), English novelist, essayist, journalist and critic

Order of Service for November 7, 2021: Democracy: What It Has Been, What It Might Be

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

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 a version of “America The Beautiful,” with new words written by Rev. Suzelle Lynch in 2020 adapted from alternate lyrics written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter in 1993. Performed by Helen Lowry (courtesy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY). <https://mailchi.mp/25764b7be2a7/your-nov-3-weekly-update-is-here-5359722?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “Ever in Our Midst” by the Rev. Karen G. Johnston, Unitarian

Universalist Minister serving our congregation in East Brunswick, New Jersey

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/ever-our-midst>

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: *Sometimes People March* by Tessa Allen. Read on video by our Director of Children’s Faith Development, Macey Forsyth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGj5WOJfLro>

Music: “Rise Up” by American singer, songwriter, and actress Andra Day (1984-)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBuIBaDSOa4>

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: “They Are With Us Still” by the Rev. Kathleen McTighe, former minister of the Unitarian Society of New Haven and former Director of the College of Social Justice.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/affirmation/they-are-us-still>

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: “In the Midst of Powerlessness” by the Rev. Myke Johnson, Unitarian Universalist minister and earth activist in Portland, Maine, practicing and teaching ecological spirituality
<https://www.uua.org/braverwiser/midst-powerlessness>

Homily: Democracy: What It Has Been, What It Might Be

Hymn: #1035 “Oh Freedom Is Coming” (teal hymnal), words and music are 20th Century South African. Performed by Michael Tacy. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF3D5IVSh3Y>

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.