

You must have oil for your limbs, blood for your veins, water for your soul, the world of reality for your intellect: do you not see that the very law of your own nature makes these a necessity for you?

—Jesuit and Catholic priest Pierre Teilhard De Chardin (1881-1955)

Order of Service for December 12, 2021:

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Marlene Stein-Greiner, Worship Associate

Kathryn and Jim Vonderharr, Greeters

Deb Fitzloff, Zoom Host

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Treselia Greiner, Andy Roberts, Mark Spangler, and Todd Schweim, Tech Squad

We Gather and Invite

Opening Slideshow: Welcome to UUFM Worship; Centering Quotation and Service Title; Announcements; For Those in the Sanctuary; Still to Come. . . After Worship; Invitation to type Joys and Sorrows into the Chat (Chat will close after the Giving Slide). To “Oh Tannenbaum” performed by the Vince Guaraldi Trio. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fh133ZO1AE>
<https://mailchi.mp/37772db055ba/your-dec-8-weekly-update-is-here-5391994?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “Your Body Is Welcome Here” by the Rev. Sean Neil-Barron, Associate Minister serving the Foothills Unitarian in Fort Collins, CO.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/your-body-welcome-here>

Welcome

Special Announcements

We Worship by Deepening and 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.

Reading: “Steep Yourself in the Sea of Matter” Jesuit and Catholic priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)

<https://beautywelove.blogspot.com/search/label/Pierre%20Teilhard%20De%20Chardin>

Sermon: Embodied Joy

Music: “Happy” (2014) by Pharrell Williams https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbZSe6N_BXs

Meditation: “Life is Always Unfinished Business” by the Rev. Richard Gilbert, retired Unitarian Universalist minister. <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/life-always-unfinished-business>

Bell Chime

With Generosity, We Build Our Community Larger

Sorrows and Joys

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein. Sung by Diane Langland and Jeff Lowry, accompanied by Nancy Cramblit.

Giving: With offertory “Heart and Soul,” arranged by Lorie Line and played by Nancy Cramblit

Story: *Maybe* (2019), written by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Gabriella Barouch. Read on video by Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth.

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

Hymn: #1024 “When the Spirit Says Do” (teal hymnal). Music and words from a Black spiritual of the Civil Rights Era. Sung by Diane Langland and Jeff Lowry, accompanied by Nancy Cramblit.

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 on Zoom is invited to unmute) Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Zoom 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. In-person congregation may gather outside or tune into Zoom.