

The existence of broccoli does not, in any way, affect the taste of chocolate.

-- American novelist, YouTube content creator, and podcaster John Green (b. 1977)

Order of Service for December 5, 2021: Joy in Layers

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Susan Stevens Chambers, Worship Associate

Bob and Gail Finley, Greeters

Liz Kipp, Zoom Host

Cathi Fouchi, Hearing Assist

Treselia Greiner and Andy Roberts, Tech Squad (with guest trainees)

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 “Free Happy YouTube Music, Copyright Free”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0he3R37nALM&list=RD0he3R37nALM&start_radio=1&rv=0he3R37nALM&t=27

<https://mailchi.mp/2f0a7d35eaa6/your-dec-1-weekly-update-is-here-5384414?e=7c056a9674>

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: Words adapted from the Rev. Shari Woodbury, Unitarian Universalist minister serving First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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: “Mindful” by Mary Oliver (1935-2019), American poet, winner of the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize <https://wordsfortheyear.com/2015/07/22/mindful-by-mary-oliver/>

Sermon: Joy in Layers

Music: “Infant Joy,” words by William Blake (1789) and music by Ralph Vaugh Williams (1958). Sung by Helen Lowry and accompanied by Jeff Lowry.

Meditation: Words adapted from the Rev. Leaf Seligman, Unitarian Universalist minister serving First Parish Church UU of Fitchburg, MA

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 and accompanied by

Jeff Lowry.

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>

Story: *Joy* (2018), written by Corrinne Averiss and illustrated by Isabelle Follath. Read on video by our Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth https://youtu.be/_HGGPcufzPI

Hymn: #38 "Morning Has Broken" (gray hymnal). Words by Eleanor Farjeon to a Gaelic melody. Sung by Helen Lowry 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.