

Order of Service April 20, 2025

The Courage to Rise (Easter Sunday)

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Linda Ganske

Children's Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

The UUFM Choir with Mark Brekke, Director

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street], and join in saying these words:

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.

Call to Worship

"Life Breaks Through" by Tess Baumberger

Hymn #266, Now the Green Blade Riseth

Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum

Music: Medieval French carol, harmony by Marcel Dupré

Story for All Ages

Little Mole Finds Hope

Written by Glenys Nellist

Illustrated by Sally Garland

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory**Reading: Mark 16: 1-8**

From the Bible, New Revised Standard Version

Choir Anthem: Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton and Traditional African-American.

Music: Traditional Melody arranged by Stephen Hatfield. (c) 1997, 1998 by Boosey & Hawkes, Inc. All rights reserved.

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Sermon: The Courage to Rise**Hymn #276, O Young and Fearless Prophet**

Words: S. Ralph Harlow

Music: William Lloyd

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. (Elizabeth Selle Jones)

Benediction

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*.

*May the longtime sun shine upon you
All love surround you
And the pure pure light that’s within you
Guide your way home.*

Zoom participants: Please feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect. (If the group online is large enough, we will invite you to join breakout rooms for small group connection.)

In-person participants: Please stay for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.