

Order of Service May 11, 2025

Creativity as Spiritual Practice

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Lifespan Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Justin Ganske

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

“On the Brink” by Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Hymn #368 Now Let Us Sing

Words and music: Anonymous

Story for All Ages

Be A Maker

Written by Katey Howes

Illustrated by Elizabeth Vukovik

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory

Reading: from *Worship That Works: Theory and Practice for Unitarian Universalists*

by Reverends Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz

Hymn #1031, Filled with Loving Kindness

Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation, adapted by Mark Hayes

Music: Ian Riddell

Sermon: Rev. Diana

Hymn #1024 When the Spirit Says Do

Words and music: African American spiritual, civil rights period (arr. Mark Freundt)

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.