

Order of Service: September 21, 2025

International Peace Day “Act Now for a Peaceful World”

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, is observed globally every September 21st. It was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly to promote peace and non-violence across nations and communities.

In 2001, the UN unanimously voted to designate it as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence. Each year, the UN selects a theme to spotlight specific peace-related challenges. For 2025, the theme is “Act Now for a Peaceful World”, urging people everywhere to take concrete steps toward peace—from community volunteering, to combating misinformation and discrimination, and engaging in noncooperation with and resistance to authoritarianism.

We will center our UUFM Peace Pole in the sanctuary and rededicate ourselves during our worship service, with all others throughout the world who do the same, to act now for a peaceful world.

Speaker: Diane Dobitz

Worship Associate: Molly Reinemann

Storyteller: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Worship Tech: Dan Possin

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome and Announcements:

Singing Bowl:

Chalice Lighting:

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.

Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that our fellowship meets on the traditional homelands of the Dakota peoples. In continuing to understand the historical injustices of our shared history, accepting responsibility for reparations and building relationships in the here and now, we want to go beyond land acknowledgment as we seek to be good relatives.

Call to Worship:

Opening Hymn: Gray Hymnal: # 159 “This Is My Song”

Story: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation : Macey Forsyth

Peace Is An Offering Author: Annette LeBox and Illustrator: Stephanie Graegin

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer To the tune of #1002

Comfort Me, Share My Joys

Offertory: Piano instrumental “Let There Be Peace On Earth” Words and music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arranged by Jay Rouse

Reading: Molly

Sermon: Diane

Imagine Video: John Lennon Cover <https://youtu.be/T0pF2XBfs0Y?feature=shared>

Peter Mayer CD: *Third Street #8* “It’s Not Far”

Closing Hymn: Gray Hymnal: #134 Our World Is One World

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)

Zoom participants: Please feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect.

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

Singing Benediction: Long Time Sun 2X

May the longtime sun shine upon you

All love surround you

And the pure pure light that’s within you

Guide your way home.

Postlude: Imagine by John Lennon