

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH
Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Bridging

Sunday, May 17, 2020
10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Blessing

John Leavitt

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice for the light of truth,
the warmth of love,
and the fire of commitment.

We light this symbol of our faith
as we gather together.

HYMN — No. 6, “Just as Long as I Have Breath”

Carpenter & Ebeling

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, “Yes,” to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, “Yes,” to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, “Yes,” to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, “Yes,” to love.

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

STORY AND SONG FOR ALL AGES

May peace surround you, may love surround you
as you go, as you go, as you go on your way. (Repeat)

READING

One Love

Hope Johnson

MUSIC MEDITATION

Dunlap’s Creek

American Folk Hymn, arr. by John Leavitt

MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH

Ruby Fischer, Graduating Senior

MESSAGE TO OUR YOUTH

Julie Trombley

HYMN — No. 301, “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!”

Grace Lewis-McLaren

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Walk on shores while spirits fly
over the ocean, over the land,
our faith a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Children ask the reasons why.
In our lives the answers show,
and by our love they learn and grow.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
All are born and all shall die;
life’s the time left in between,
to follow a star, to build a dream.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

HYMN — No. 123, “Spirit of Life”

Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

OFFERING INVITATION

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OFFERTORY

Spring Blossomings

P. Tate

DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Have a Dream

Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaeus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME

Today's service is led by Julie Trombley, Director of Religious Education. The worship associate is the Reverend Brian Mason, Minister. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz, Music Director, and Dänika Kozlovich, Congregational Administrator.

OUR MISSION

To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding—allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.

OUR VISION

We are a safe haven, where all are accepted, valued, and connected. We support and encourage each other in exploring our religious, spiritual, and intellectual paths. Through our shared ministry, music, and meditation, we rejoice and mourn together. We are active partners in service to others. We bring light to social justice issues and are conduits for sparking change in ourselves, our community, and the world.

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