



# THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*Gathered in 1870*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

**Prelude—“This is the Day”**

*Edward Eicker*

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn No. 86 – “Blessed Spirit of My Life”**

*S. Jackson Denham*

Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife;  
help me live with dignity; let me know serenity.  
Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion.  
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me.  
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need.  
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition.  
Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

**Affirmation**

Love is the doctrine of this church;  
The quest of truth is its sacrament;  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace;  
To seek knowledge in freedom;  
To serve humankind in fellowship;  
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine,—  
Thus do we covenant with each other.

**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.

**Story for All Ages**

**Children’s Song**

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

**Offertory—“Mission of Mercy”**

*Paul Tate*

**Reading – From *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard**

**Prayer**

**Interlude—“Flying Free”**

*Don Besig*

**Sermon – “Sanctifying Imagination”**

**Hymn No. 1015 – “I Know I Can”**

*D. Hamilton & J. Gagne*

Though days be dark with storms  
And burdens weigh my heart;  
Though troubles wait at ev’ry turn,  
I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul  
And burdens make me strong,  
Though troubles wait at ev’ry turn,  
I know I can go on.

My sister in my heart,  
My brother in my song,  
Though troubles wait at every turn,  
I know I can go on.

And though the journey is long,  
The destination is near,  
Though troubles wait at every turn,  
I know I can go on.

So brothers take my hand,  
And sisters sing my song,  
When hope awaits at every turn,  
I know we will go on.

**Benediction**

**Postlude—“Just One Day” (“*Blott en Dag*”)**

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

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*Today’s service is led by the Reverend Brian Mason. Julie Trombley is the worship associate.  
The music is provided by Margaret Jerz on piano and Dänika Kozlovich. The Sunday Morning  
Assistants are Katelynn DeLosh and Elizabeth Le.*