



# THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*Gathered in 1870*

Sunday, November 1, 2020

**Prelude—“Amazing Grace”**

*setting Todd Monsell*

**Call to Worship 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. 1068 – “Rising Green”**

*Carolyn McDade, arr. by Jim Scott*

My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak, her sap doth run in my veins.  
Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain.  
Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.

My hands hold the weavings of time without end, my sight as deep as the sea.  
Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old, that of love’s eternity.  
That of love, that of love, that of love’s eternity.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand.  
Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land.  
And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way.  
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day.  
Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

**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—"Impromptu"**

*Louise Farrenc*

**Reading – From "Compassion and the Individual"**

*Tenzin Gyatso; The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama*

**Prayer****Music Meditation—"Be the Change"**

*Marc Kaplan, Colin Britt*

**Sermon – Do Not Be Afraid: A Theology of Life's 2<sup>nd</sup> Half****Hymn No. 1064 – "Blue Boat Home"**

*Peter Mayer*

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves upholding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

**Benediction****Postlude—"Great Things!"**

*Edward Eicker*

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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.*