



# THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*Gathered in 1870*

Sunday, October 18, 2020

**Prelude—“Psalm 27”**

*Edward Eicker*

**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. 146 – “Soon the Day Will Arrive”**

Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,  
and no longer will we live in fear.  
And the children will smile without wondering whether  
on that day thunderclouds will appear.

(Chorus) Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be  
if we share, if we care, you and me.  
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Some have dreamed, some have died to make a bright tomorrow,  
and our vision remains in our hearts.  
Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in sorrow,  
and a promise to make a new start. (Chorus)

**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—"Bang Chhun-hon"**

*Teng Yu-Hsien, arr. C. Norton*

**Reading -- "I Have Been a Stranger in a Strange Land" by Rita Dove****Prayer****Music Meditation—"The Peace of the Earth"**

*trad. Guatemalan, arr. John Bell*

**Sermon – "What We Lost When We Lost Original Sin"****Hymn No. 205 – "Amazing Grace!"**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Benediction****Postlude—"New England"**

*New England folk melody, setting by John Leavitt*

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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.*

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This Sunday's **Community Focus Collection** supports the **Sunday Community Suppers**.

In partnership with First Presbyterian, UU Wausau and twelve other faith groups offer a free hot meal and fellowship every Sunday to anyone in the community.

The pandemic has increased demand on this vital ministry. It needs your support more than ever.

Please consider supporting this mission.

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If you would like to sign-up to cook or serve at a supper, contact [Marsha Fitzgerald](#).

Thank you for your support and generosity.