



# THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*Gathered in 1870*

Sunday, November 8, 2020

**Prelude—“Cristofori’s Dream”**

*David Lanz*

**Opening Words**

Gretchen Haley

**Hymn—“Gather the Spirit”**

*Jim Scott*

1.) Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our separate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

3.) Gather the spirit of growing in all,  
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
The chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus) Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion, and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

(Chorus)

2.) Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
With body and spirit united once more. (Chorus)

**Story for All Ages – from “Life,” by Cynthia Rylant**

**Children’s Song**

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

**Offertory—“Shenandoah”**

*American folk song, arr. by P. Keveren*

**Reading—“Inexplicable,” by Karen G. Johnston**

**Homily—“My oh My,” and “The Heart Knoweth”**

the Rev. Kimberley Debus

**Meditation—words of Beth Lefever**

adapted by Kimberley Debus

**Hymn—“Find a Stillness”**

*Seaburg, based on trad. Transylvanian hymn*

Find a stillness, hold a stillness,  
let the stillness carry me.  
Find the silence, hold the silence,  
let the silence carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit,  
with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence,  
let the essence carry me.  
Let me flower, help me flower,  
watch me flower, carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit,  
with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

**Homily—“Oh My Soul”**

the Rev. Kimberley Debus

**Benediction—“Blessing the Story,” by Jan Richardson**

**Postlude—“Wake Now My Senses”**

*(Slane), arr. by Todd Monsell*

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*Today’s service is led by the Reverend Kimberley Debus, guest minister. Julie Trombley is the worship associate. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz on piano and Dänika Kozlovich.*