

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF SERVICE

January 17, 2021 | 10:30 am

PRELUDE

“Peaceful Medley”

trad., arr. Philip Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP & 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. 105, “From Age to Age”

Bennington

From age to age how grandly rise the prophet souls in line;
above the passing centuries like beacon lights they shine,
like beacon lights they shine.

They witness to one heritage, one spirit’s quick’ning breath,
one widening reign from age to age of freedom and of faith,
of freedom and of faith.

Their kindling power our souls confess; though dead they speak today:
how great the cloud of witnesses encompassing our way,
encompassing our way.

Through every race, in every clime, one song shall yet be heard:
move onward in thy course sublime, O everlasting Word,
O everlasting Word.

TIME 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.

PRAYER & SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC

“Billie’s Song from Portraits in Jazz”

Valerie Capers

READING

Amos 5:21-24; 8:4-8

MUSIC MEDITATION

“We Walk in Love”

Deanna Witkowski

SERMON

“Deep Darkness into the Morning”

HYMN

No. 149, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Johnson & Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

“The Strenuous Life”

Scott Joplin

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WELCOME

Today is Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher and service leader is the Reverend Brian Mason. The Story for All Ages is told by Julie Trombley. The music for this Sunday’s service is directed and provided by Margaret Jerz, with guest vocalist Dänika Kozlovich.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Brian Mason.