

# FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

*Gathered in 1870*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Easter Sunday

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

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.

## PRELUDE — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, arr. Phillip Keveren*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

## SINGING THE CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY

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

## \*HYMN NO. 269 — “Lo, The Day of Days Is Here”

*words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer, music by Robert Williams*

## RESPONSIVE READING — (Elizabeth Tarbox, adapted)

Leader: And so I say ours is a story of faith and hope and love.

**Congregation: I say it is our need for one another that brings us together,**

L: that brings us laughing and limping into relationships

**C: and keeps us at it when we otherwise might despair at the fix we are in.**

L: I say it is the holy we need, the eternal beyond our comprehension

**C: and one place we can find it here, working and worshipping together**

L: And I say there is a transcendent value worthy of our loyalty, upon which we may set our hearts, and its divine manifestation is love.

SPOKEN AND SILENT MEDITATION

\*HYMN NO. 123 — “Spirit of Life”

*Carolyn McDade*

READING — Mark 16:1-8

MUSIC MEDITATION — “Nocturne”

*Kathleen Basi*

SILENT INTERLUDE

SERMON — Rejoice and Be Glad!

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.

\*HYMN NO. 61 — “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

*words by Samuel Longfellow, music by Lyra Davidica*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — “Folk Dance No. 2”

*Bob Moore*

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\*Please rise as able.

## OUR VISION

We are a safe haven, where all are accepted, valued, and connected. We support and encourage each other in exploring our religious, spiritual, and intellectual paths. Through our shared ministry, music, and meditation, we rejoice and mourn together. We are active partners in service to others. We bring light to social justice issues and are conduits for sparking change in ourselves, our community, and the world.

## OUR MISSION

To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding—allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.

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## WELCOME

Today's service is led by the Reverend Brian Mason. The worship associate is Carl Drake. The music is provided Margaret Jerz, Dänika Kozlovich, and guest musician Louis Pradt.

The image on the cover is "The Procession" by John August Swanson.

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, April 11, the guest speaker will be Richard Olson.

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