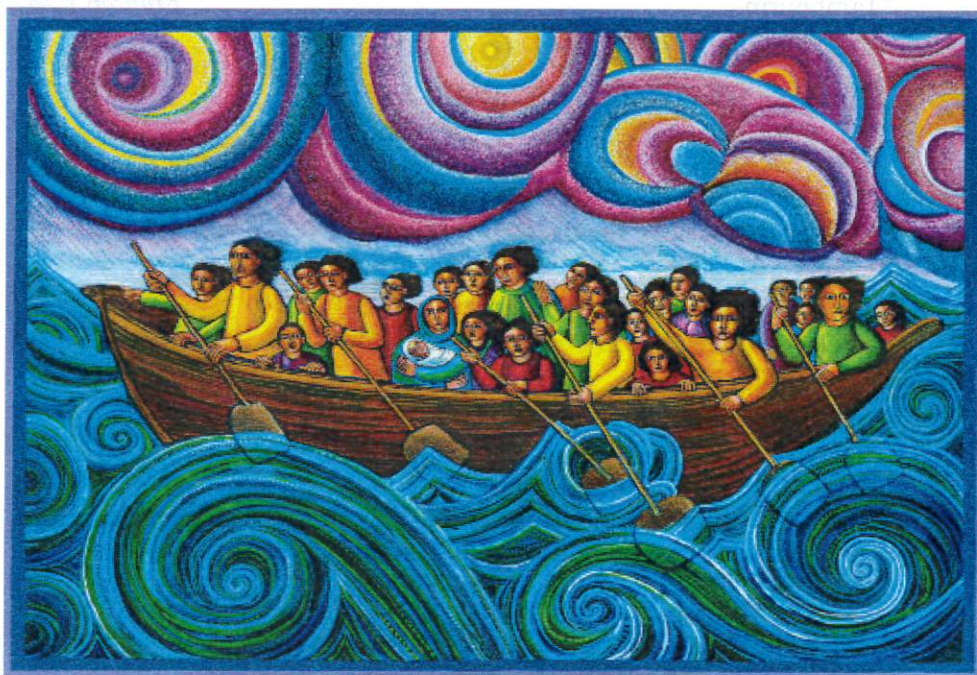


FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

EST. 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 25, 2021
10:30 a.m.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY OF THE CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

QUIET PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Tambourin"

Francois Joseph

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.

*HYMN NO. 346

"Come, Sing a Song with Me"

Carolyn McDade

*AFFIRMATION

Love is the doctrine of our 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 humanity in fellowship,
To the end that all souls shall grow
 In 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.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S SONG

Juliana Nord

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

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER HYMN

Sung by the congregation, seated

"Garden of the Earth"

Trad. Russian folk song, words by Paul Winter and Paul Halley

OFFERTORY

"Interlude No. 12"

Paul A. Tate

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Sweet Memories"

Larry Minsky

SILENT INTERLUDE

SERMON

"Apart of Community - Or Part of It?"

*HYMN NO. 301

"Tough the Earth, Reach the Sky!"

Grace Lewis-McLaren

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Bud Break"

Kathleen M. Basi

*Please rise as able.

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 Dänika Kozlovich. The music is provided Margaret Jerz and guest musician Louis Pradt.

The image on the cover is John August Swanson's *The Storm*, inspired by Pope Francis' *Urbi et Orbi* in which he states: "We were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing,' so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this."

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, May 2, the guest speaker will be Randy Jefferson.

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