

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 2, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

BELLCHIME

PRELUDE— “Rise Up”

Pam Wedgewood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive Reading #441, “To Worship”

J. Trapp

Leader: “To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

All: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

All: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

Leader: Worship is a loneliness seeking communion; it is a thirsty land crying out for rain.

All: Worship is kindred fire within our hearts; it moves through deeds of kindness and through acts of love.

Leader: Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond.

All: It is an inarticulate silence yearning to speak; it is the window of the moment open to the sky of the eternal.

*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.**

*OPENING HYMN No. 1:

“May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

Quaile and Untermeier

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

“O Spirit of Life & Renewal”

J. Rzepka

PRAYER HYMN NO. 83

“Winds be Still”

S. Wesley and R. Kimball

READING— “Farolitos”

A. Sze

MUSICAL MEDITATION— “Compassion”

E. Eicker

SERMON— “I Read in The New Yorker About...”

Randy Jefferson

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on Earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 1064— “Blue Boat Home”

Music: Pritchard; words: Meyer

*BENEDICTION #684

Duke Gray

POSTLUDE— “May Day Carol”

English folksong, arr. Deems Taylor

* Please rise as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Today's service is led by Randy Jefferson. The worship associate is Carl Drake.
The music is provided by Margaret Jerz, Music Director,
and Dänika Kozlovich, vocalist.

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.

OUR VISION

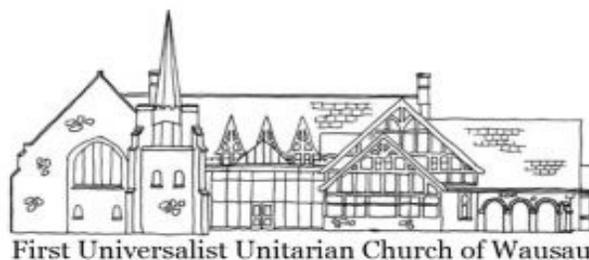
We are a safe haven, where all are accepted, valued, and connected. We support and encourage each other in exploring our religious, spiritual, and intellectual paths. Through our shared ministry, music, and meditation, we rejoice and mourn together. We are active partners in service to others. We bring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

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