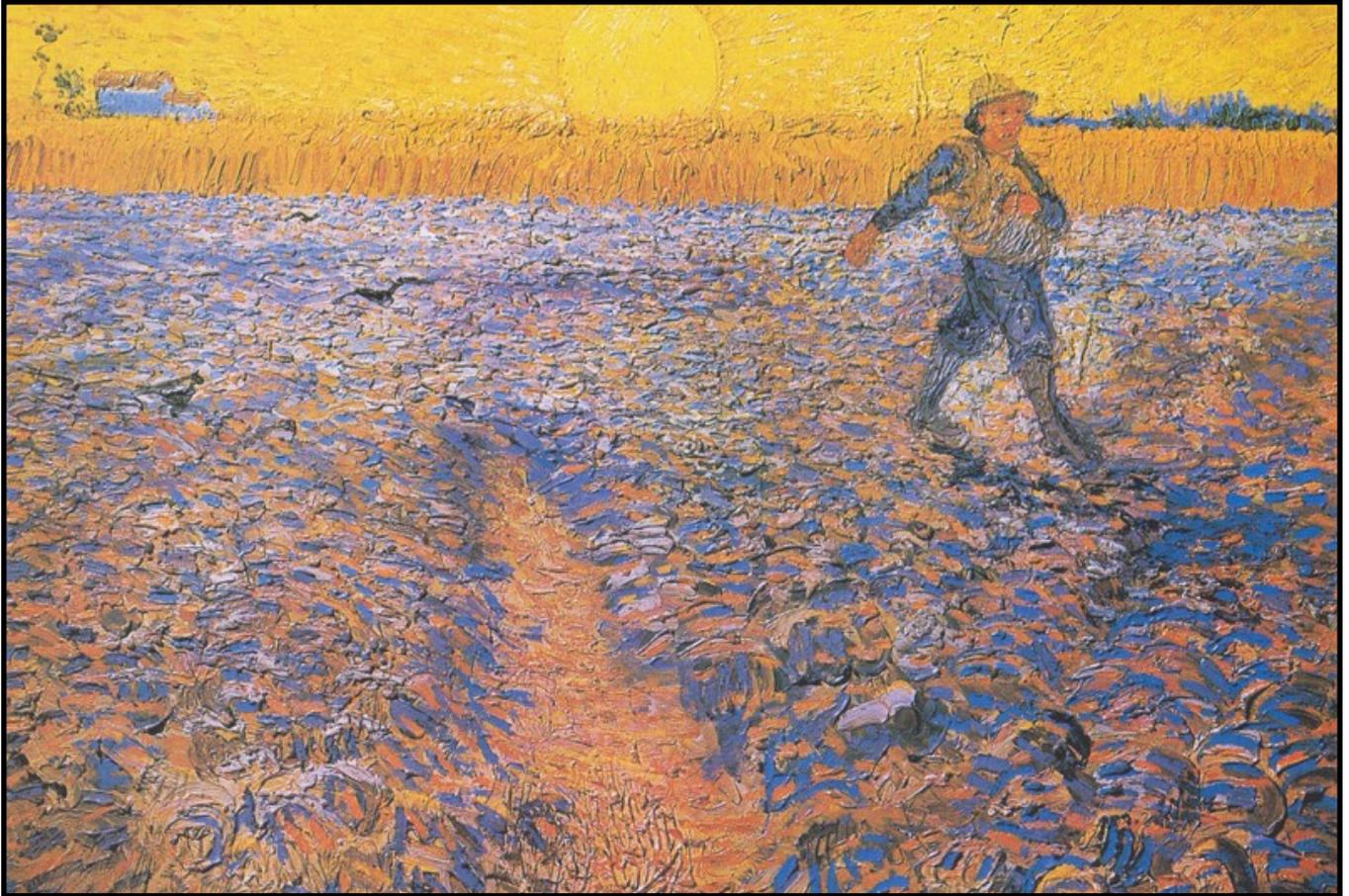


FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7, 2021
10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Waiting”

Pam Wedgwood

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.**

*OPENING HYMN No. 163

“For the Earth Forever Turning”

Kim Oler, arr. Nick Page and Jim Scott

*AFFIRMATION

**Love is the doctrine of this 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 human need,
To the end that all souls shall grow
 into 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.**

STORY 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)**

OFFERTORY

“Simply”

Paul Tate

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER HYMN NO. 18 (*sung by the congregation, seated*)

“What Wondrous Love”

trad. American

READING

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Gnoissienne No. 4”

Erik Satie

SERMON

“Restrain, Attend, Observe, and Magnify”

*CLOSING HYMN No. 201

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!”

trad., arr. Mary A. Walden

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Waltzing Matilda”

trad. Australian, arr. Christopher Norton

* 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.

WELCOME

Today's service is led by the Rev. Brian Mason, Minister in the Church. The worship leader is Anna Gresch. The Story for All Ages is told by Jes Zimmer, Director of Religious Education in the Church. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz, Music Director in the Church.

The cover image is "Sower at Sunset" (1888), by Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890).

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, November 14th, at 10:30 AM, join us for a service from the Reverend Brian Mason, Minister in the Church.

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