

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH
GATHERED IN 1858



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Bread Communion

Sunday, November 20, 2022
10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

John Rutter

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. 349

“We Gather Together”

RESPONSIVE

For the goods of the harvest, the stores which are laid up for the nourishment of the children of Creation; for all those who work while we sleep that we might have life more abundantly; for the beauty which refreshes and renews us.

We raise our voices in gratitude and praise.

Lest we forget our dependence upon the good earth; lest we remove ourselves too completely from the source of our well-being; lest in our pride we forget that from dust we came and unto dust we will return:

We acknowledge our reliance upon the world of nature, and our responsibility to use well the blessings which are ours.

* 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

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

OFFERTORY

“Warm Embrace”

Dennis Alexander

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER HYMN NO. 16

“Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

RESPONSIVE

For all the substance and shape of times past and days gone by; for all the effort and hope and love poured into our lives by others, known and unknown; for the heritage which is ours, gifted by generations long dead:

We raise our voices in gratitude and praise.

Lest we forget our rootage in the deeds and visions of the past; lest our arrogance lead us to forsake the human love which supports and sustains us; lest we forget the resources bequeathed to us by the great body of humanity:

We acknowledge our debt to past generations, and our responsibility to fulfill and increase the visions and hopes of our parents.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Traditional Navajo Prayer

arr. David Haas

BREAD COMMUNION HOMILY

THE GATHERING OF PLENTY

(Everyone is invited to come forward and share the tale of your bread. The Communion will be celebrated after the service in the Atrium.)

RESPONSIVE

For that power at work among us which transforms, renews and redeems life; for that power which will not suffer us to be satisfied with what we are; for that power which, through love, sustains and supports us.

We raise our voice in gratitude and praise.

Lest we forget our dependence upon powers over which we have no control; lest in our discouragement we cease to listen for the still small voice; lest we forget the goodness leads us upon paths we do not see:

We acknowledge our dependence, and our responsibility to attune our lives to the greater resources of grace open to all.

*HYMN (Insert)

“Over the River and Through the Woods”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“We Give Thanks”

Wendy Louella Perkins

***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.

WELCOME

Today's service is led by the Reverend Mason. The worship associate is Sheryl Hemp. Jes Zimmer told the story for all ages. The music is provided by Louis Pradt on flute, the Church Choir, and Margaret Jerz.

The cover image is "The Basket of Bread" (1926) by Salvador Dalí (1904-1989)

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

November 27th, at 10:30 a.m., join us for "There and Back Again: Zen Journeys," led by church member, Dr. Donna Keuck.

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