

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Est. 1870

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 22, 2020

PRELUDE

“Thanksgiving and Praise Medley”

arr. Paul Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP AND 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.

HYMN

No. 322, “Thanks Be for These”

Joyce T. and Richard S. Gilbert

Thanks be for these, life’s holy times,
moments of grief, days of delight;
triumph and failure intertwine,
shaping our vision of the right.

Thanks be for these, for birth and death;
life in between with meaning full;
holy becomes the quickened breath;
we celebrate life’s interval.

Thanks be for these, ennobling art,
images welcome to our sight;
music caressing ear and heart,
inviting us to loftier height.

Thanks be for these, who question why;
who noble motives do obey;
those who know how to live and die;
comrades who share this holy way.

Thanks be for these, we celebrate;
sing and rejoice, our trust declare;
press all our faith into our fate;
bless now the destiny we share.

TIME FOR ALL AGES AND CHILDREN’S SONG

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

READING

“Perhaps the World Ends Here”

Joy Harjo

MUSIC MEDITATION

“Mother Spirit, Father Spirit”

Norbert F. Čapek

A THANKSGIVING DAY HOMILY

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC

“Together Always”

Larry Minsky

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All You Peoples, Clap Your Hands”

Edward Eicker

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*Today's service is led by the Reverend Brian Mason. Julie Trombley is the worship associate.
The music is provided by Margaret Jerz on piano and Dänika Kozlovich.*

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