

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 18, 2021
10:30 a.m.

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

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QUIET PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

Joseph Brackett, Jr., arr. by Paul Tate

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. 361

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Louise Ruspini

*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 NO. 1031

Sung by the congregation, seated

"Filled with Loving Kindness"

Trad. Buddhist Meditation, music by Ian W. Riddell

OFFERTORY

"Interlude No. 3"

Paul Tate

READING

Luke 15:11-32

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Gnossienne No. 2"

Erik Satie

SILENT INTERLUDE

SERMON

"Bright Sorrow"

*HYMN NO. 128

"Love Will Guide Us"

Words by Sally Rogers, arr. by Betty Wylder

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"You Are Strong, You Are Holy"

Paul Tate

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.

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WELCOME

Today's service is led by the Reverend Brian Mason. The music is provided Margaret Jerz.

The image on the cover is *Large Shelf Still Life* (2017) by Jonas Wood.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, April 25, the preacher will be Brian Mason.

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