



"With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 17, 2021 | 11 am

The Sounding Bowl calls us into silence

Prelude | *We Choose Love* by Ana Egge & Adam Podd

Call to Worship

Welcome | Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life

Opening Hymn | Love Will Guide Us

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

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on the road from greed to giving.
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Lighting the Chalice | Ethan Loewi, Intern Minister

(unison reading)

*Blessed is the fire of our faith, and the chalice of our community;
Blessed is the living tradition that is carried forward in our work and in our love.
Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here;
Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.
Blessed is the light of the eternal;
Blessed is the sacred call of life to which we give ourselves in answer.*

Song of Hope

*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*

Prayer | Meagan Henry, Director of Education and Family Ministry

Anthem | *MLK* words and music by U2, arranged by Bob Chilcott
Featuring the First Unitarian Choir
Mark Farnum, soloist

Wisdom Story | *Under the Bodhi Tree* by Deborah Hopkinson
Sophie Major, Religious Education Assistant

Offertory | *The Impossible Dream* (from Man of La Mancha)
by Joe Darion and Mitch Leigh
Allie Lewis, Soloist

This month's Share the Plate recipient is **Heights and Hills**, whose mission is to support older adults to age successfully in their Brooklyn communities with financial, food, and housing security and social support that prevents isolation. More information at www.heightsandhills.com

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Sermon | *Stones of Hope* Meagan Henry

Closing Hymn | We'll Build A Land

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus)

Come build a land where siblings in spirit,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.

(Chorus)

Benediction

Our light goes out into the world bringing healing and hope to all the places where it's needed. Let us go in peace to love and serve the world and one another.

For a Zoom link, please contact information@fuub.org

Participation on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUBrooklyn/>

Zoom will be open beginning at 10:30AM for casual conversation. We will mute everyone's mics at 10:50AM In order to create a meditative pre-worship atmosphere as well as protect everyone's privacy when we begin our Facebook feed.