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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

"That we may find strength for these days- Courage and hope for tomorrow."
- Rev. Dr Howard Thurman

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 23, 2022 | 11 am

Creativity and Liberation in a Cold month

The Sounding Bowl calls us into silence

Prelude | *Reflections in D* by Duke Ellington

Call to Worship | Rev. Daniel Lawlor, Community Minister

Opening Hymn 389 | Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.
Spirit, draw near.

Lighting the Chalice | Bridgette Raes, Lay Worship Leader
(responsive 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

Welcome

Announcements | Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life

Wisdom Story | *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Meagan Henry, Director of Education and Family Ministry

Anthem | *Calme Des Nuits* by Camille Saint-Saëns

Silent Meditation

Prayer

Sharing Names of Loved Ones Online

Offertory | *Quiet* by Paul Simon
Dennis Wees, soloist

This month's Share the Plate recipient is **CAMBA**, a Brooklyn-based nonprofit organization that works to change social dynamics so individuals, families, and communities can thrive and succeed. Social services provided include housing assistance, education and youth development, healthcare, family support and legal services. More than half of their clients are immigrants and refugees and the majority of their families live in poverty. For more information <https://camba.org/>

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Reading | *How Good it is to Center Down* Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

Hymn 134 | Our World is One World

Our world is one world:
what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about,
the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:
the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes,
with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:
its ways of wealth affect us all:
the way we spend, the way we share,
who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world:
just like a ship that bears us all:
where fear and greed make many holes,
but where our hearts can hear a different call.

Sermon | *Creativity and Liberation in a Cold Month* Rev Daniel Lawlor

Closing Hymn 1009 | Meditation on Breathing

When I breathe in,
I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out,
I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out

Benediction

This week's online host: Beth Evans
Livestream Producers: Justin Parkinson

**Due to the COVID-19 Omicron surge, our services will be online only through January. Please join us on Facebook Live or email information@fuub.org for a zoom link. We hope to return to in person Sanctuary services in February.
Thank you for your understanding.**

MUSIC NOTES:

Came Des Nuits (English translation)

*Stillness of the night, cool of the evening,
Vast shimmering of the spheres,
Great silence of black vaults
Deep thinkers delight in you.
The bright sun, merriment,
And noise amuse the more frivolous;
Only the poet is possessed
By the love of quiet things.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Support our High School Youth Group's Service Trip

Options include cookies, brownies, and rice krispy treats. All proceeds support the cost of travel to West Virginia. Thank you! Contact Sophie Major (sophie@fuub.org) for the order form link or find it on our Facebook Page.

Small Group Ministry - Living our Faith, 8 Tuesday evenings in March & April

Join Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life for this exploration of theological concepts through a Unitarian Universalist lens. Barring another Covid surge, meetings will be in person at the church and will be limited to 8 people. Masks may be required. Likely dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and April 5, 12, 19, 26. 6:30-8PM. Registrants are required to commit to 7 of the 8 sessions. Registration required. Contact Garnett Losak (garnett@fuub.org).

Membership at First Unitarian

If you've been attending services for "a while" and feel you have found a spiritual home here at First Unitarian, you may be ready to join the congregation as a voting member. We are planning a new member Sunday for mid-February assuming we can gather in person at that time. At that time, new members will sign our historic membership book and be officially welcomed during the worship service. Prospective members should first complete an Intent to Join form (www.fuub.org/home/community/membership/) For more information contact Garnett Losak (garnett@fuub.org)

Serve your Congregation at the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly!

June 22-26, 2022, in Portland, OR or Online. General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists where participants make policy for the Association through democratic process. This year, there will be both in-person and digital options. Five or six members of First U will serve as delegates who will worship, witness, learn, connect, and help shape policy for years to come. For more information, visit the UUA website (uua.org/ga) or contact leadership development committee members Laurel Lesio, (llesio@gschool.org) or Catalina Bertani (tanrara@gmail.com). For FAQ's and an application to be a delegate visit www.fuub.org/home/members/nominating-committee/. Applications will be accepted until February 1st.