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ORDER OF SERVICE

July 12, 2026 | 11 am

Gratitude: Leading Us to Interdependence

'Thank you is the best prayer that anyone could say' – Alice Walker

Prelude | ♪ *Across the Universe* by The Beatles / arr. Allie Lewis

Call to Worship |

*Whoever you are, Whomever you love, wherever you are on your life journey,
Whatever the color of your skin, or your country of origin,
Whatever your gender, or the source of your faith, You are Welcome Here.*

Hymn* | ♪ **We Gather Together** #349

Lighting the Chalice*

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.

Welcome

Reading | *The Guest House*, Rumi, tr. Coleman Barks

Hymn* | ♪ **For All That is Our Life** #128

Homily

Offertory | ♪ *What a Wonderful World* by George David Weiss & Bob Thiele / arr. Allie Lewis

Prayer

Candle Lighting

Hymn* | ♪ **We Give Thanks** #1010

Closing Words

**You are invited to stand as able*

Today's Lay Worship Leader is Marci Lucia

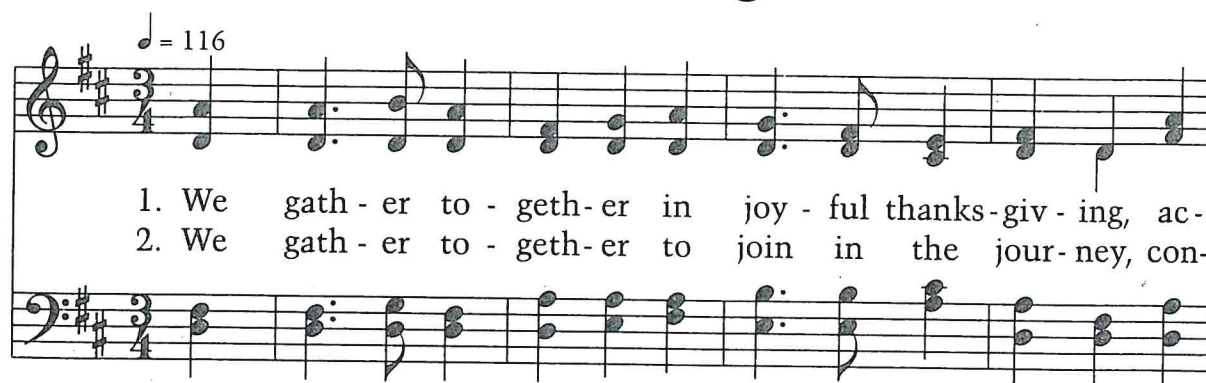
Today's Worship Assistant is Josh Davidoff

Our Summer Music Director is Allie Lewis

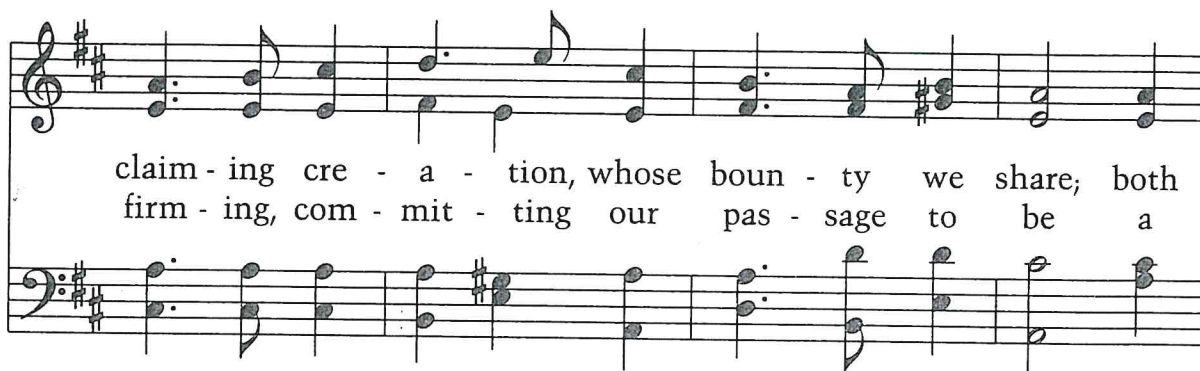
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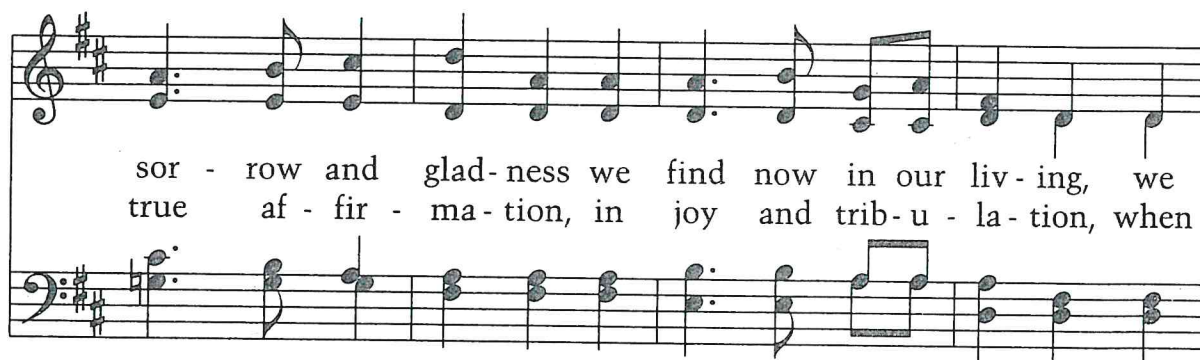
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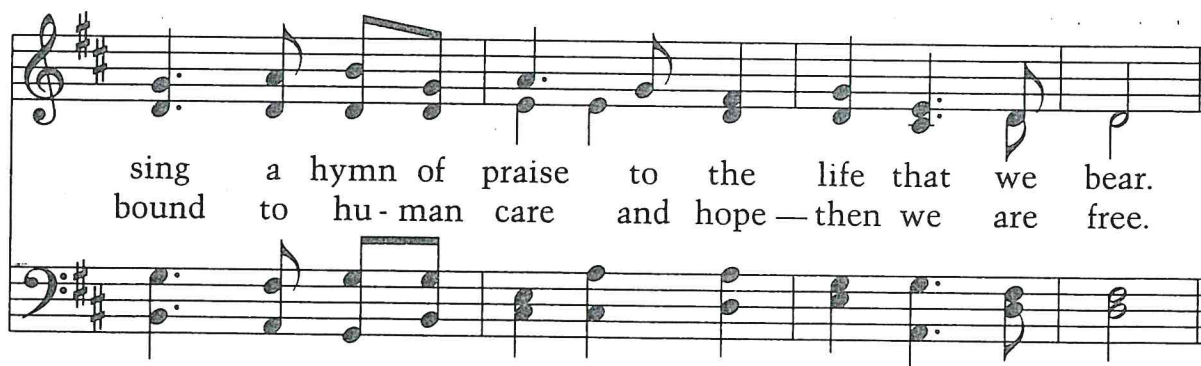
1. We gath - er to - geth - er in joy - ful thanks - giv - ing, ac -
2. We gath - er to - geth - er to join in the jour - ney, con -



claim - ing cre - a - tion, whose boun - ty we share; both
firm - ing, com - mit - ting our pas - sage to be a



sor - row and glad - ness we find now in our liv - ing, we
true af - fir - ma - tion, in joy and trib - u - la - tion, when



sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.
bound to hu - man care and hope — then we are free.

⊕ Words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas, 1930- , and
⊕ Robert E. Senghas, 1928- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association
Music: Adrian Valerius's *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626,
arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914

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For All That Is Our Life

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1. For
2. For
3. For
4. For

all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for
needs which oth - ers serve, for ser - vic - es we give, for
sor - row we must bear, for fail - ures, pain, and loss, for
all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for

all life is a gift which we are called to use to
work and its re - wards, for hours of rest and love; we
each new thing we learn, for fear - ful hours that pass: we
all life is a gift which we are called to use to

build the com - mon good and
 come with praise and thanks for
 come with praise and thanks for
 build the com - mon good and

1.-3.
 make our own days glad.
 all that is our life.
 all that is our life.
 make our own days

4.
 glad.

We Give Thanks - 2

F#m G D A/C#

and those far a - way; For this time we
(food)

here, far a - way; For this time we
(food)

Bm F#m/A G

share with love and care,

share with love and care,

We Give Thanks - 3

D/F# Em7 A9 sus4

Oh, we give thanks for this pre-cious

Oh, we give thanks for this pre-cious

D 1 2

A9 sus4

day. Oh, we give

day. Oh, we give

rit.

~ Please join us for refreshments in the Frances White Room ~

❖ **Summer Spruce Up! TODAY, following worship- Third floor offices**

We're welcoming our new DRE next month -- and we're having a work party to prepare her office! Join us after service, to move furniture, sort books, oil woodwork, wash windows, and more to create a cozy space for Elizabeth Ann. We're playing musical chairs with the third floor offices, and will be transforming Rev. Micah's office into the new teen space! All skill levels are invited to help; come for a few minutes or a few hours. There will be pizza at 3pm!

❖ **Want to sing this summer?:**

Join the Summer Choir at 10am in the Chapel on July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th! If you have any questions, reach out to Allie Lewis at allie26lewis@gmail.com.

More information will be available for these events (and more) in the Summer Bi-weekly E-news, the Order of Service and social media.

Upcoming Summer Services:

July 19	A Sacred Life: Meditation	Donald Fleck
July 26	Multigenerationalism	Garnett Losak & Charlotte Hoogenboom
Aug 02	Sharing Our Unitarian Origins	Charles Lynch
Aug 09	On Agency	Josh Davidoff
Aug 16	Star Island, FUUB, and the Ripples of Community	Topher Soltys
Aug 23	Blessing of the Animals	Jocelyn Smith
Aug 30	Rock Botton	Elena Karpoff
Sept 06	The Greatest Lessons in Life	Sean Hastings



Our Share the Plate recipient for July is The Wildlife Conservation Society

The Wildlife Conservation Society conducts research and deploys efforts globally to save wildlife from extinction. They also operate 4 zoos and the NY Aquarium here in NYC, where they educate the public to care about wildlife and provide excellent care to many species in their collections. Learn more here <https://www.wcs.org/>

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