

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, February 14, 2021

10:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

Side With Love Sunday

Welcome

Everette Thompson

Prelude #1008

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

J. Poley

David B. Smith, Rick Fortner & Matt Edwards

Chorus: When our heart is in a holy place, When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace, When our heart is in a holy place.

When we trust the wisdom in each of us, Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes, Then our heart is in a holy place.

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray,
Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin, Dr. Tuli Patel
The Rev. Michael Crumpler,
Julica Hermann de la Fuente,
Laura Conkle & The Rev. Erika Hewitt

Time for All Ages

Based on "*The Agreement*"

by B. Lopez
Dr. Tuli Patel

Introduction to Sharing Our Gifts

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

This month we share our weekly offering with UU Urban Ministry.

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Side With Love Sunday Continues

Musical Interlude

Love Train

K. Gamble & L. Huff

David B. Smith, Rick Fortner & Matt Edwards

People all over the world, join hands. Start a love train, a love train.

Reflection

"Healing the We"

Laura Conkle

Reflection

"Embodied Learning"

Julica Hermann de la Fuente

Hymn #131*Love Will Guide Us*

S. Rogers

David B. Smith, Rick Fortner & Matt Edwards

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
(repeated)

Reflection*“The Call of Our Faith”*

Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin

Hymn #95*There Is More Love Somewhere*

African American Spiritual

arr. Adam Podd

First Unitarian Society, Brooklyn Choir

1. There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.
2. There is more hope somewhere...
3. There is more joy somewhere...

Joys and Sorrows

Aimeé Snyder Ledwell, Worship Committee

Side With Love Sunday Continues**Pastoral Prayer**

The Rev. Michael Crumpler

Closing Words and Chalice Extinguishing

The Rev. Erika Hewitt, Dr. Tuli Patel,
Julica Hermann de la Fuente,
Laura Conkle, Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin
& The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Hymn #1021*Lean on Me*

B. Withers

David B. Smith, Rick Fortner & Matt Edwards

1. Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow.
Chorus: Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.
2. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.
3. Just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

4. Just call on me sister when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

Postlude

All You Need Is Love

J. Lennon & P. McCartney



Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.
If you’re in the “drive-in church”, honk and wave to each other!

Thank you to our zoom helpers today: Sharon Brownfield & Laurie Proulx
and our A/V helper: Dave Kay

and all those who helped with this service,
and to our staff, board, and other leaders.



Participants

We offer thanks to these contributors, whose complete biographies can be found on
“WorshipWeb” at <http://uua.org/worship/words>.

- Everette Thompson (he/him) serves as Campaign Manager for Side With Love.
- Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray (she/her) is President of the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin (she/her) has been a member of the Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective Board since 2016.
- Dr. Tuli Patel (she/her) is the Executive Director and the lead for the Lifespan Ministry team at Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit, NJ.
- Rev. Michael Crumpler (he/him) serves as the LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- Julica Hermann de la Fuente (she/her) serves as the Director of Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Ministries at the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, MN, and is currently completing her path toward ordination.
- Laura Conkle (they/them) is a lay leader who serves Unitarian Universalism at the local, regional, and national levels.
- Rev. Erika Hewitt (she/her), the coordinator and liturgist for this service, serves as Minister of Worship Arts for the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- David B. Smith (he/him) serves as Executive Director of Worship at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK.

- Rick Fortner is Director of Music at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK.
- Adam Podd is Music Director and choral conductor at First Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, NY.

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*First Parish is a Unitarian
Universalist Association Welcoming
Congregation. We warmly welcome
gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender
people into our community.*

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