

Order Of Service – Nov. 15th, 2020

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Domestic Tranquility?

Exploring Questions of Justice, Peace and Healing

Music for Contemplation: *To a Wild Rose* by Edward MacDowell, *From a Distance* by Julie Gold, *Autumn Leaves* by Joseph Kosma, *What a Wonderful World* by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss, and *Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington, all arranged and played by Molly Ruggles. Photos by Steve Schmidt, Susan Jhirad, Simon Migaj and Gabriela Palai at Pexels, and © Soul Matters.

Prelude: *Andante* by Vincent Novello, played by Russell Tripp

Opening Words: *Grace Meets Us Where we Are* by Gretchen Haley, at <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/grace-meets-us-where-we-are>

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: *Out of the Flames* by Sara Eileen LaWall, at <https://www.uua.org/offices/people/sara-eileen-lawall>

Veterans' Day Tribute: *Rank by Rank*, Molly Ruggles, piano; Brendan O'Brine, vocals. *Singing The Living Tradition #358*, words by John Huntley Skrine, new words by Carl Seaburg, music by Henry Walford Davies

Rank by rank again we stand, from the four winds gathered hither.
Loud the hallowed walls demand whence we come and how, and whither.
From their stillness breaking clear, echoes wake to warn or cheer;
Higher truth from saint and seer call to us assembled here.

Ours the years' memorial store, honored days and names we reckon,
Days of comrades gone before, lives that speak and deeds that beckon.
From the dreaming of the night to the labors of the day,
Shines their everlasting light, guiding us upon our way.

Though the path be hard and long, still we strive in expectation;
Join we now their ageless song, one with them in aspiration.
One in name, in honor one, guard we well the crown they won;
What they dreamed be ours to do, hope their hopes, and seal them true.

Covenant

Love is the heart of this church.

We commit to:

Being a diverse, welcoming community of mutual care and respect;

Supporting each other's spiritual journey and search for truth and meaning;

Promoting justice and serving the wider community.

We hold ourselves to this promise with compassion and understanding.

Hymn: *Here We Have Gathered*, Brendan O'Brine, vocals and piano. *Singing the Living Tradition* #360, words by Alicia Carpenter, music Genevan psalter.

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;

Circle of kinship, come and step inside!

May all who seek here find a kindly word;

May all who speak here feel they have been heard.

Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate

Days of our lifetime, matters small and great:

We of all ages, women, children, men,

Infants and sages, sharing what we can.

Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:

But in the shadows, let us not forget:

We who now gather know each other's pain;

Kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.

Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Meditation: *Prayer of Reconciliation* by Anne Barker from *To Wake, To Rise*

Offering: *Two Hymns*, played by Russell Tripp

Reading: *If There Is To Be Peace* by Lao-Tse, read by Dana and Mary MacNamee, *Singing the Living Tradition* #602.

Music: *May I Be Filled with Loving Kindness*, Shaina & Winnie Sawyer and the UUCM Choir. *Singing the Journey #1031*, traditional Buddhist meditation, words adapted by Mark W. Hayes, music by Ian Riddell.

May I be filled with loving kindness.

May I be well.

May I be filled with loving kindness.

May I be well.

May I be peaceful and at ease.

May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness....

May we be filled with loving kindness....

Sermon

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*, Joi Wolf vocals & ukulele, Brian Wolfe piano.
Singing the Living Tradition #118, African American spiritual.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my neighbor's home, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Social distancing, I'm gonna let it shine

When I'm social distancing, I'm gonna let it shine.

Social distancing, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Closing Words: From Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Talents*