

Order Of Service – Nov. 1st, 2020

Loosen, Loosen - Rev. Aisha Ansano

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: “Plano in the Dark” by Brenda Russell; Molly Ruggles, piano

Opening Words: “Be Still with Me and Enter” by Rev. Marta Valentin, from *A Long Time Blooming*

Welcome: Mimi Olivier

Chalice Lighting: “This is the Hour” by Rev. Connie Simon, at <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/hour>

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: “What Wondrous Love,” words by Connie Campbell Hart, melody from *The Southern Harmony (Singing The Living Tradition #18)*. Molly Ruggles, piano; Alex Daum, Carole Bundy and Andey Amata, vocals

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
and takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,
to love and to all friends I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Prayer

Offering: "A Sparrow" by Molly Ruggles

Reading: "Mending" by Nancy Shaffer, from *Instructions in Joy*

Music: "Loosen, Loosen" by Aly Halpert; Andey Amata, vocals

Sermon: Loosen, Loosen

Hymn: "Abide With Me," words by Henry Francis Lyte, music by William Henry Monk (*Singing The Living Tradition*, #101). Alex Daum and Molly Ruggles, vocals; Molly Ruggles, piano.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; still with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Benediction

Postlude: "To a Wild Rose" by Edward MacDowell, pianist Molly Ruggles