

Order Of Service – Jan 17, 2021

At Peace With Ourselves

Music for Contemplation: *Begin Sweet World, Innisfree* and *Morning Song* by Bill Douglas, feat. Richard Stoltzman, clarinet. Photos by Steve Schmidt, Joseph Walters and Susan Jhirad; Joshua Woroniecki from Pexels; and © Soul Matters.

Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *Try To Remember* by Harvey Schmidt; Molly Ruggles, piano.

Opening Words: “Love After Love” by Derek Walcott

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: “On the Brink” by Leslie Takahashi

All that we have ever loved
And all that we have ever been
Stands with us on the brink
Of all that we aspire to create:
A deeper peace,
A larger love,
A more embracing hope,
A deeper joy in this life we share.

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: *Come Thou Fount*, words by Robert Robinson & Eugene Navias, music by John Wyeth (*Singing The Living Tradition*, #126). Performed by UUCM choir.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offering: *Mourning Dove*, composed and played by Molly Ruggles

Reading: Excerpt from *Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America* by John Lewis with Brenda Jones.¹

Music: *My Funny Valentine*, by Richard Rodgers. Performed by Rob Kinslow, trumpet and Molly Ruggles, piano.

Sermon: *At Peace With Ourselves*

Hymn: *May Your Life Be As a Song*, words by Jim Scott, music by Yurt Zarisky (*Singing The Journey*, #1059). Singers Nancy Kurtz, Susan Jhirad, Molly Ruggles and Carole Bundy.

May your life be as a song,
Resounding with the dawn
to sing awake the light.
And softly serenade the stars,
Ever dancing circles in the night.

Closing Words: “Labyrinth” by Leslie Takahashi

Postlude: *Peaceful* by Kenny Rankin. Performed by Molly Ruggles, piano.

Question for coffee-hour discussion: Can you imagine a (more) peaceful world?

1. John Lewis with Brenda Jones, *Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America* (Hachee Books: 2017, ©2012), 208.