

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Service of Loss & Remembrance

December 8, 2020

Order of Service

Prelude *Bonnie at Morn* Sam Whitesell
Traditional English/Scottish, arr. Sam Whitesell

Chime Rev. David Ruffin

Chalice Lighting

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. At this time of remembrance, each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

Call to Worship Rev. Patricia Hart
“As leaves from trees” by Barbara Holleruth

Hymn #18 *What Wondrous Love*

Welcome

Reading “Oneness” by Thich Nhat Hanh Melinda Lee

Musical Interlude *Kaleohano*
Louis “Moon” Kauakahi, arr. Israel Kamakawiwo‘ole

Reading “Farewell Letter” by David Whyte Judy Brook

Musical Meditation *Comfort Me*

Reflection

Ritual of Remembrance

Prayer
Silence

Song

It Is Well

Lea Morris

Chalice Extinguishing

“We extinguish this flame, assured of the warm glow of love in our hearts, given to us so that we may carry it forth to share with the world.”

Postlude

A Gentle Face
Sam Whitesell

THIS SERVICE WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

Developmental Senior Minister

Rev. Patricia Hart

Consulting Minister

Rev. David Ruffin

Worship Associates

Judy Brook, Melinda Lee

Musician

Sam Whitesell

Care Network Team Leader

Lynn Douglas

Pastoral Care Associates Co-Leaders

Linda Graves, Martha Molpus

This service is dedicated to members of the First Unitarian Universalist Society – and members of their families, and friends – who have died in the past year. They are remembered with love.

The **Care Network** regularly visits members who are temporarily in the hospital or can no longer travel to the Meeting House. These volunteers also organize practical aid such as occasional meals and sending cards to express sympathy and hopes for healing.

The **Pastoral Care Associates** are a team of specially trained volunteers who assist the ministerial staff by sitting with members who have been hospitalized, experienced a death in the family, are wrestling with a spiritual crisis, or are facing any number of life challenges.

We invite all of you to become involved in caring for each other in one or all of the following ways:

- Reach out to let us know of a person or family in need of a visit, a meal or other support.
- Join the Care Network Team to help us grow and strengthen our ability to care for each other. Email carenetwork@uusociety.org to join us.

Care Network Team Members

Deanna Anderson, Lynn Douglas, Connie Hitt, Janice Lange, Harriet Long, Martha Molpus, Jean Rook, Mary Silverman, Ken Swearingen, Sarah Weber

Pastoral Care Associates

Deanna Anderson, Brenda Dupuis, Linda Graves, Cheryl Haller, Martha Molpus, Sarah Russell, Ken Swearingen