

*First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont*

*Order of Service*

January 10, 2021

*“We don’t create a fantasy world to escape reality, we create it to be able to stay.  
I believe we have always done this,  
used images to stand and understand what otherwise would be intolerable.”*  
- Lynda Barry - American cartoonist, author, teacher

**Prelude**     *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door (Hymn #1)*     Sam Whitesell  
Louis Untermeyer & Robert N. Quaille; arr. Sam Whitesell

**Welcome**     Rev. Patricia Hart

**Chime**

**Chalice**

“We kindle this chalice flame to remind ourselves of the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of commitment.”

**Call to Worship**     by Neil Gaiman

**Reflection for All Ages**     “Come with Me”     Erika Reif

**On Daring to Imagine**

**Reading**     “Imagine” by John Lennon     Melinda Lee

**Offering Introduction**

Today’s offering will be shared with **Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)**. The BLUU Organizing Collective is committed to expanding the power and capacity of Black UUs within our faith, providing support, information and resources for Black UUs, and justice-making and liberation through our faith.

**Offertory***Imagine*

John Lennon &amp; Yoko Ono; arr. Sam Whitesell

**Offering Dedication**

“With gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the service of our mission to inspire spiritual growth, care for each other and our community, seek truth, and act for justice.”

**Meditation**

Rev. David Ruffin &amp; Rev. Patricia Hart

Prayer

Joys &amp; Sorrows

Silence

**Musical Meditation**

James Stewart

**Hymn***There Is a Love***Chalice Extinguishing**

“We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts and share with the world until we are together again.”

**Benediction**

by Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson

**Postlude***America the Beautiful*

Katharine Lee Bates &amp; Samuel A. Ward; arr. Sam Whitesell

**TODAY’S WORSHIP CREATORS****Developmental Senior Minister**

Rev. Patricia Hart

**Consulting Minister**

Rev. David Ruffin

**Worship Associate**

Melinda Lee

**Director of Music, Video Production**

James Stewart

**Musician**

Sam Whitesell

**Director of Lifespan Faith Development**

Erika Reif

**Flowers**

Peggy Derby