

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Order of Service

November 1, 2023

Service of Loss & Remembrance

For those attending in person, we invite you, if you have brought a photo of a deceased loved one, to place the photo on the Table of Sacred Remembering towards the front of the Sanctuary.

Gathering Music

Chime

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

“When You Meet Someone in Deep Grief” by Patricia McKernon Runkle

Reading

“Tis a Fearful Thing” by Yehuda Halevi

Betsy Ferries

Welcome

Song

Loosen, Loosen (Halpert)

Loosen, loosen, baby
You don't have to carry
The weight of the world
In your muscles and bones
Let go, let go, let go
(repeat)

Holy breath and holy name
Will you ease, will you ease this pain
Holy breath and holy name
Will you ease, will you ease this pain

Reading

“Dear Cynthia” by Nick Cave

Betsy Ferries & Tom Hyde

Ritual

Well of Tears

Anthem

Wanting Memories (Barnwell)

FUUSB Choir
James Stewart

Chimes for Those Stolen

“Summons” by Aurora Levins Morales

Song *Loosen, Loosen* (Halpert) - redux

Reading “Sweetness” by Stephen Dunn Molly Moerdyk

Reading “Heavy” by Mary Oliver

Prayer for Those Gone, Prayer for Those Here

Chalice Extinguishing & Blessing

“A Time for Sorrow” by Dr. Howard Thurman

Going Out Music *There Is More Love Somewhere*
(African American tradition)

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere...
There is more peace somewhere..
There is more joy somewhere...
There is more love somewhere...

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

Senior Minister	Rev. Karen G. Johnston
Worship Associate	Betsy Ferries
Director of Music	James Stewart
Musicians	FUUSB Choir
Tech Team	Woody Fulton
Chat Chaplain	Christina Fulton
Caretakers	Charlie Delaney, Darrell Fields

This service is dedicated to all members of the human family who have experienced loss in this last year. We say a special remembrance and gratitude for members of this congregation who have died in the past year. They are remembered with love.