

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Order of Service

March 17, 2024

"It's all sacred. Every wrong turn is eventually a right turn." ~ Joy Harjo

“A Compass, Not a Map”

Prelude

Prelude in E minor, BWV 555
J. S. Bach

Karl Fandrich

Chime

Call to Worship

“Our Souls Speak Spring”
by Evin Carvill-Ziemer

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Chalice Lighting

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

Encendemos esta llama para recordarnos de la luz de la verdad, la calidez de la comunidad y el fuego del compromiso.

Welcome

Geoff Duke

Hymn #61

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

James Stewart
Karl Fandrich

Time for All Ages

“Spider Shares Wisdom”

Rowan Van Ness
Erika Reif

Singing the Children Out

*As you journey, as you journey
May you know, may you know
Love and hope go with you, love and hope go with you
Learn and grow, learn and grow*

Reading

“Why Do You Come, John?” (abridged)
by Victoria Safford

Sermon, Part I

“A Compass, Not a Map”

Spiritual Practices

Generosity Practice

Offerings this month will be shared with the FUUSB Angel Fund, which was created to help ease the financial burden of those members who are unable to make a pledge or meet their pledge. We all make our pledges each year with the best of intentions, but due to illness, job loss, or many other unexpected hardships, sometimes members are just unable to fulfill that pledge.

Pastoral Prayer & Stillness

Ritual of Lament Marking the 4th Anniversary of the Pandemic Lockdown

Musical Meditation/Offertory

Musical Selection

Air from Water Music

George Frideric Handel

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.”

Sermon, Part II

“A Compass, Not a Map”

Hymn #1020

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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.”

Apagamos esta llama, pero no la luz de la verdad, el calor de la comunidad ni el fuego del compromiso. Estos los llevamos en nuestros corazones y los compartimos con el mundo hasta que estemos juntos nuevamente.

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E minor, BWV 555

J. S. Bach

TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

Senior Minister

Reverend Karen G. Johnston

Worship Associate

Geoff Duke

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Erika Reif

Director of Youth & Emerging Adult Ministries

Rowan Van Ness

Director of Music

James Stewart

Guest Musician

Karl Fandrich

Tech Manager

Michael Wright

Tech Team

Woody Fulton

Memphis Everest

Facilities Manager

Blake Ewoldsen

Flowers

Susan Raimy

Hooked Rug (ca. 1950)

Ken Chapman

Welcome Ambassadors

Mary Harrington

Carolyn & Richard Smiles

TODAY'S EVENTS

9:50 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

10:15 am - Faith Development Programs for Children & Youth:

Spirit Play (PreK-2nd Grade), Undercover Kindness Agents (2nd-5th) - lower level

Middle School Youth - Susan B. Anthony Room

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Community Room

11:30 am - Sunday Circle - Parlors

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