

*First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont*

*Order of Service*

May 5, 2024

*We do not need to become each other in order to work together. But we do need to recognize each other, our differences as well as the sameness, of our goals. Not for altruism. For self-preservation—survival. ~ Audre Lorde*

**In Praise of Our Differences**

**Prelude**

*Enter In*  
Joe Pace

Sam Whitesell

**Chime**

**Call to Worship**

“That Which Holds All”  
by Rev. Nancy Shaffer

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer

**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**

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

**Hymn #323** Break Not the Circle

**Reading**

“A Conversation Amongst the Flowers”  
by Rev. Kate Wilkinson

**Spiritual Practices**

Generosity Practice

*Offerings this month will be shared with DRUUMM, Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries. DRUUMM provides critical*

*resources, by and for UU's of color, in the form of gatherings and pastoral care. This year, through our shared offertory, FUUSB will again sponsor DRUUMM's annual Public Worship. Watch eNews, Community Messenger, and Facebook for details on attending that service.*

Pastoral Prayer & Stillness

Introduction to Stone Ritual

Musical Meditation/Offertory

**Musical Selection**      *Just The Way You Are*

Billy Joel

**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.”*

**Reading**                      “Standing Your Sacred Ground” (excerpt)  
by Eboo Patel

**Sermon**                      In Praise of Our Differences

**Hymn #** 1023 Building Bridges

**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**                      words from his Holiness the Daila Lama

**Postlude**                      *True Colors*  
Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS**

**Guest Minister**

Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

**Worship Associate**

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

**Director of Music**

James Stewart

**Musician**

Sam Whitesell

**Tech Manager**

Michael Wright

**Tech Team**

Memphis Everest, Adele deRosset

**Facilities Manager**

Blake Ewoldsen

**Flowers**

Claire Graham-Smith

**Welcome Ambassadors**

Suzy & Brian Haas

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

9:45 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

10 am - Family Chapel - Community Room

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

11:15 am - Outdoor Art Installation, "All Are Welcome at My Table" on front lawn

11:30 am - Young Adults Gathering - Susan B. Anthony Room

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