First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont Order of Service September 15, 2024

"We are here essentially to risk ourselves in the world. We are a form of invitation to others and to otherness. We are meant to hazard ourselves for the right thing, ... for the right work or for a gift given against all the odds."

~ David Whyte

A Waggle Dance of Invitation

Gathering Music

Prelude Air on the G String (J.S. Bach) Karl Fandrich

Chime

Call to Worship "In Good Company" Rev. Karen G. Johnston

by Geoff Duke

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 Judy Brook

Hymn #1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door Karl Fandrich

aka Prayer for this House

Welcome Our New Staff

Reading in Many Voices "The Invitation"

by Oriah Mountain Dreamer

What is a Sabbatical?

Blessing for Sabbatical Time

Congregational Covenant for this Sabbatical Time

Spiritual Practices

Generosity Practice

Offerings this month will be shared with two projects of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT). One project, the Farmer Emergency Fund, supports farmers who have been adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, including extreme weather, flooding, and financial hardship, who do not always qualify for federal or private assistance programs. The other project is called "The Resilience Fund," which provides Farmer Resilience Grants to increase resilience on farms and in local communities as a way to address problems like climate chaos, social inequality, and corporate consolidation.

Pastoral Prayer & Stillness Introduction to Stone Ritual Musical Meditation/Offertory

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."

Waggle Dance Invitations of this Congregation

Bubble Blessing of Faith Development

Hymn Let the Life I Lead Todd Schlossberg

(adapted from the Consolers)

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 Prelude in C Major (J.S. Bach)

TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

Senior Minister Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Worship Associate
Director of Music
Urganist
Guest Musician

Judy Brook
Liam Hart
Karl Fandrich
Todd Schlossberg

Readers Töve Johnson, Miles Austin Jackson

Meg Randall, & others

Tech Manager Michael Wright

Tech Team Adele deRosset, Keats Overman-Smith

Facilities Manager Devin Fallon

Caretakers Phil Brentwood, Darrell Fields

Flowers Peggy Derby

Banner Emergence by Claire Graham-Smith

Welcome Ambassadors Mary Harrington,

Richard & Carolyn Smiles

The intriguing, delightful bee lamps that you see in the sanctuary were made by local artist, Kristian Brevik who describes his art as endeavoring to draw people in to contemplate human relationships with the natural world, as well as issues of ecological devastation, without being overwhelmed by grimness and despair. Kristian was kind enough to lend us these lights for this morning's worship - and in the process of asking for this favor, we learned that Kristian's mother is a UU in Washington State. A small world. We also thank FUUSB member, Suzanne Stimik for the use of her bee art, as well.

TODAY'S EVENTS

9:45 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Front Lawn or Community Room

11:10 am - Parent Circle/Children's Festival - Parlors

11:30 am - Membership Subcommittee - Reeb Room

11:30 am – Climate Justice Team Meeting – Whitney Young Jr. Room