

*First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont*

*Order of Service*

September 29, 2024

“Remember to imagine and craft the worlds you cannot live without, just as you dismantle the ones you cannot live within.” — Ruha Benjamin

**What Future(s) Are We Planning For?**

**Gathering Music**

*Rocky Mountain High*  
John Denver

Sam Whitesell

**Chime**

**Invitational Music**

FUUSB Choir &  
Liam Hart

“Round and Round”      Traditional English

“We Will Rise Together”      Words by Jan Elicker, Music by Clif Hardin

Hymn # 368, “Now Let us Sing”

**Call to Worship**

“The Case for Hope”  
by Rebecca Solnit

Rev. Karen G. Johnston  
& Dan York

**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**

**Time For All Ages: Introducing Leaves of Love**

## **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**                    “Remember the Future”  
by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

**Sermon, Part I**                    What Future(s) Are We Planning For?

## **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

Stone Ritual & Leaf Collection

Musical Meditation/Offertory

**Musical Selection**                    *Mother Nature’s Son*

Lennon/McCartney

### **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**                    What Future(s) Are We Planning For?

**Hymn #1028**                    Fire of Commitment                    Sam Whitesell &  
Liam Hart

**Closing Words**                    “Everything is on Fire”  
by Nikita Gill

## 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

*If I Had a Hammer*

Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

## TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

**Senior Minister**

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

**Worship Associate**

Dan York

**Director of Music**

Liam Hart

**Musician**

Sam Whitesell

**FUUSB Choir**

**Tech Manager**

Michael Wright

**Tech Team**

Adele deRosset, Keats Overman-Smith

**Facilities Manager**

Devin Fallon

**Caretakers**

Phil Brentwood, Charlie Delaney &  
Darrell Fields

**Flowers**

Elizabeth Logan

**Wall Hanging**

*Emergence* by Claire Graham-Smith

**Welcome Ambassadors**

Marilyn Brill, Mary Harrington &  
Susan Warner-Mills

**Leaf Maker**

Suzanne Stimik & Friends

## TODAY'S EVENTS

9:45 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

11:00 am - 5/6 OWL Orientation

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Front Lawn

11:30 am - Bazaar Planning Meeting - Reeb Room

11:30 am - Climate Revival Presentation - Parlors

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