

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Order of Service

December 1, 2024

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Becoming More Human

Prelude *Stand By Me* Sam Whitesell
Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, & Mike Stoller

Chime

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. James D. Ross II

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 Warren Baker

Hymn #348 Guide my Feet Liam Hart & Sam Whitesell

Reading “Grace Lee Boggs: Introduction to Evolution and Revolution in the Twentieth Century” excerpt

Spiritual Practices

Generosity Practice

Offerings this month will be shared with FUUSB's Socially Responsible Santa program, which provides cash gifts to families and individuals in need. By giving money directly we hope to empower people to choose the holiday gifts they want to give and receive.

Pastoral Prayer & Stillness

Introduction to Stone Ritual

Musical Meditation/Offertory

Musical Selection *Words Can't Express*

Shedrick Mitchell

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 **Becoming More Human**

Hymn **"Draw the Circle Wide" (Light/Miller)**

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 **Verse by Mary Keitahn**

Postlude *Thanksgiving Theme*
Vince Guaraldi

TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

Guest Minister

Reverend Dr. James D. Ross II

Worship Associate

Warren Baker

Director of Music

Liam Hart

Musician

Sam Whitesell

Tech Manager

Michael Wright

Tech Team

Joe Couture, Adele deRosset,
Keats Overman-Smith

Facilities Manager

Devin Fallon

Caretakers

Phil Brentwood, Darrell Fields

Flowers

Sarah Forbes

Wreath

Birch Bark

Welcome Ambassadors

Marilyn Brill, Susan Warner-Mills

Senior Minister

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

TODAY'S EVENTS

9:45 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

10:00 am - Family Chapel - Community Room

10:20 am - Chalice Choice (K-8th) - Community Room

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Community Room

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