

**Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring**  
**Online Worship Order of Service**



**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**Saving What We Love**

**Led by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt and Rev. Christian Schmidt, with  
contributions by worship teams from UUCSS and UU Church of the  
Brazos Valley in Bryan, TX**

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

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**Prelude:**

***Love is In Need of Love*** / Stevie Wonder / Sanctuary Singers, Deborah Thornton, solo / 2/19/2017

***Spirit of Life*** / Carolyn McDade / UUCSS Congregation / 12/18/2016

***Common Ground*** / Ivan Lins, Paul Winter, Michael Holmes, John Guth, Joel Sattler, Jim Scott / Jim Scott / 12/1/2019

***Wings of Peace*** / Rabbi Aryeh Hirschfield / Sanctuary Singers / 9/9/2018

***Keep On Keepin' On*** / Curtis Mayfield / Call of the Dream House Band with Guests, Andre Enceneat & Taimoor Saeedi / 5/26/2019

***Unwritten*** / Natasha Bedingfield / Anna Grafwallner (Scout), solo, UUCSS House Band, Sanctuary Singers / 10/21/2007

***Stand By Me*** / Ben E. King / Wendy Lanxner & Steve Wilmarth / 6/5/2011

**Welcome (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)**

**Chalice Lighting (Rev. Christian Schmidt)**

*(Words by Rev. Leslie Takahashi)*

All that we have ever loved

And all that we have ever been

Stands with us on the brink

Of all that we aspire to create:

A deeper peace,

A larger love,

A more embracing hope,

A deeper joy in this life we share.

**Congregational Commitment (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)**

*(Excerpt: Preamble of UUCSS Congregational Constitution)*

As we gather here for worship,

We pledge ourselves to the endless search for truth;

To the right of each to believe as mind, heart, and conscience dictate;

To accept the responsibility this freedom commands;

And to implement our belief in the essential worth and dignity of every human being.

## **Song of Exultation**

Since what we choose is what we are,  
And what we love we yet shall be,  
The goal may ever shine afar,  
The will to reach it makes us free.

## **Opening Words (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt and Rev. Christian Schmidt)**

## **Hymn**

**Hymn #1017 “Building a New Way”** (from *Singing the Journey* / Words and Music by Martha Sandefer / Led by Singers of UUCSS and Phyllis Stanley, Piano / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

## **Time for All Ages**

**“Luke Skywalker and the Deep Truth”** / Story summary by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt / Narration by Jamie Jorgensen / Art and animation by Lucy Jorgensen

## **Communion of Joys and Sorrows (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)**

**“Across the Stars”** from *Star Wars: Attack of the Clones* / Music by John Williams / Arranged and Performed by Phyllis Stanley, Piano

----- After the Communion of Joys and Sorrows, we invite congregants to shift their focus from commenting in the chat to focusing on the content of the service. -----

## **Prayer (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)**

## **Hymn**

**Hymn #1002 “Comfort Me”** (from *Singing the Journey*) / Words and Music by Mimi Bornstein / Led by Singers of UUCSS / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

## **Reading (Rev. Christian Schmidt)**

**“We Must Be Saved”** (From *Singing the Living Tradition* - #461) / Written by Reinhold Niebuhr

## **Sermon “It’s Not All On Our Shoulders” (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)**

## **Sermon “Saving What We Love” (Rev. Christian Schmidt)**

**Offering Invitation (Rev. Christian Schmidt & Esther McBride, Worship Associate)**

**Offertory**

*“This Love” / Words and music by Pat Humphries and Sandy O. of Emma’s Revolution / Arranged by Michael Holmes / Performed by Emma’s Revolution & Singers of UUCSS / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva*

**Blessing the Offering (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Keep on Moving Forward” / Words and music by Pat Humphries of Emma’s Revolution / Led by Singers of UUCSS / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva*

**Chalice Extinguishing (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)**

*“Kindle New Sparks” / Debra Burrell*

We have basked in the warmth and beauty

of this flame and this community.

As the chalice flame is extinguished,

let us carry its glow within.

Let us kindle new sparks within these walls and beyond.

**Closing Words and Benediction (Rev. Christian Schmidt)**

**Postlude**

*“We Are One” / Brian Tate / Performed by Singers of UUCSS*

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