

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, September 12, 2021

Telling the Truth about War

Led by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

Preston Mears, Worship Associate

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

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Prelude:

The Fire of Commitment / Jason Shelton / Sanctuary Singers / 2/19/2017

Turn! Turn! Turn! / Pete Seeger, from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 / Sanctuary Singers / 5/12/2013

Where Will I Go from Here / Kate Long / Deborah Thornton, Nancy Dougherty and Carey Schneider / 5/8/2016

Valley of the Low Sun / Jakob Dylan / Audrey and Michael

We Are / Ysaye Barnwell / Audrey Engdahl, Greta Ehrig, Karen Pang, & Corita Waters / 12/14/2008

We Are One / Emma's Revolution / Michael Holmes and Carey Schneider / 10/4/2015

The Times They Are a-Changin' / Bob Dylan / UUkes / 9/4/2016

Fighting Over What We Believe / Elizabeth Alexander / Sanctuary Singers Quartet 11/13/16

Welcome (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Chalice Lighting (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

May this light warm our hearts with love and caring and guide us in the ways of truth.

Congregational Commitment (Preston Mears, 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.

Invocation (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Hymn

Hymn #389 “Gathered Here” (from *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words and Music by Philip Porter / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

Time for All Ages (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Old Turtle and the Broken Truth / Douglas Wood

Communion of Joys and Sorrows (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Élégie / Jules Massenet / 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. -----

Meditation (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

“At One” / Rev. Victoria E. Safford

Hymn

Hymn #1009 “Meditation on Breathing” (from *Singing the Journey*) / Words and Music by Sarah Dan Jones / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

Homily “Telling the Truth about War” (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Litany of Stones and Ashes (Dr. Laura Solomon, Preston Mears, and Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Written by Rabbi Arthur Waskow / Adapted by Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

For vibrant lives suddenly, shamelessly sacrificed
we lift up our loss.

For the lives that continue, haunted by the pain of absence
we lift up the ashes of our remorse.

For the images forever seared into our memories,
we lift up the ashes of our pain.

For the charred visions of peace and the dry taste of fear
we lift up the ashes of our grief.

For all that has been destroyed in the fire of anger

we lift up the ashes of our disillusionment.

For deaths justified by arrogant patriotism or fanatic faith,
we lift up the ashes of our shame.

As we cast these ashes into the troubled waters of our times,
O spirit among us, beyond us, and within us, hear our plea:
by your power, may these ashes make fertile the soil of our future, and by your mercy may these ashes nourish the seeds of loving kindness.

For the ways humanity pursues violence, not understanding,
we lift up the stones of our anger.

For ethnic, religious, and national boundaries to our compassion,
we lift up the stones of our fear.

For the ways we cast blame and create enemies,
we lift up the stones of our self-righteousness.

Dissolving the ashes of our grief and the hardness of our hearts,
O cleansing waters, wash us all toward justice and peace.

O cleansing waters, wash us all toward justice and peace. Amen.

Offering Invitation (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Offertory

“Waiting on a War” / Foo Fighters / Lea Morris, soloist

Blessing the Offering (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Announcements (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Closing Hymn

Hymn #159 “This Is My Song” (From Singing the Living Tradition) / Words by Lloyd Stone / Music by Jean Sibelius / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

Chalice Extinguishing (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Benediction (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Our worship has ended and now our service begins.

Postlude

“One Day” / Matsiyahu / Maria Paoletti, solo / Sanctuary Singers & UUkes

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