

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, December 12, 2021

“People Who Need People”

Led by the UUCSS Racial Justice Task Force

Carolyn Savadkin, Worship Associate

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Dr. Laura Solomon, *Director of Spiritual Growth*

Michael Holmes, *Music Director*

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Prelude:

Higher Ground (Stevie Wonder) – **Higher Love** (Steve Winwood) – **Lean on Me** (Bill Withers) / Don Berkemeyer, soloist / David Smith leading the UUCSS Sanctuary Singers and “Call of the Dream” House Band / 3/15/2015

Answer the Call / Bob Hirshon / Sanctuary Singers, Walt Whitman Electric Body Band, Bob Hirshon filling in for David Uffelman, solo / 11/4/2012

You Gotta Be / Des'ree / Pastor David B. Smith, Sanctuary Singers and Friends & 50 Ways to Light Your Chalice Band / 10/16/2016

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

Everyday People / Sly and the Family Stone / Call of the Dream House Band with Guests, Andre Enceneat & Taimoor Saeedi / 5/26/2019

Get Together / Chet Powers / Wendy Lanxner & David Uffelman / 7/3/2011

Gathering Song:

“I Have A Dream” / Words and Music by Common/ Performed by UUCSS A Cappella Group with rapper Naufal Alavi

Welcome (Carolyn Savadkin, Worship Associate)

Chalice Lighting (Jake Ryder and Mary Beth Lerner)

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

Lighting the Advent Wreath (Jake Ryder and Mary Beth Lerner)

Words by Rev. Lyn Cox, adapted

Congregational Commitment (Jake Ryder)

(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 and Greeting (Jacob Ryder)

“We Are Glad You Are Here” / Written by Amanda Schuber

Hymn

Hymn #361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (from Singing the Living Tradition) / Words and Music by Louise Ruspini; arranged by Betty A. Wylder

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

“Because Amelia Smiled” / Written by David Ezra Stein

Sermon “People Who Need People” - Part One (Catherine Buckler)

Communion of Joys and Sorrows (Catherine Buckler)

----- 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 and Meditation (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Sermon “People Who Need People” - Part Two (Mary Beth Lerner)

Hymn

Hymn #1017 “Building a New Way” (from Singing the Journey) / Words and Music by Martha Sandefer

Sermon “People Who Need People” - Part Three (Jake Ryder)

Offering Invitation (Carolyn Savadkin, Worship Associate)

Offertory

Lead With Love / Words and Music by Melanie Demore / Performed by the UUCSS A Cappella Group

Blessing the Offering (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

May the gifts we have given fuel the flame of our commitment,
empower us to serve out our mission,
and give the life we share the shape of truth, love, and justice.

Announcements (Carl Miller, UUCSS Board Member)

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1018 "Come and Go with Me" (From Singing the Journey) / Spiritual; arr. by Kenny Smith

Chalice Extinguishing (Jake Ryder and Mary Beth Lerner)

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

Benediction (Mary Beth Lerner)

"The Promise and the Practice" / Written by Rev. Rebekah Savage

Postlude

Have a Little Faith / Words and Music by Jim Tullio and Mavis Staples / Performed by the UUCSS A Cappella Group

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