

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, May 16, 2021

Appreciation Sunday

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Marsha Thrall, *Interim Director of Religious Education*

Michael Holmes, *Music Director*

Carl Miller, *President, Board of Trustees*

Lindsay Cowett, *Religious Education Coordinator*

Philip Browne, *Communications Administrator*

Prelude:

I Need You to Survive / David Frazier / Pastor David B. Smith, Sanctuary Singers and Friends & 50 Ways to Light Your Chalice Band / 10/16/2016

Fix You / Coldplay / Men of Sanctuary Singers / 3/18/2012

Shine (UU-bass mix) / Ed Roland (Collective Soul) / UUKes / 1/5/2020

You've Got a Friend / Carole King / Wendy Lanxner & Dean Carrigan / 6/26/2016

Bridge Over Troubled Water / Paul Simon / Deborah Thornton, vocals / 8/12/2018

Deep Peace / Gwyneth Walker / UUCSS Folk Ensemble / 2/26/2012

Gathering Song:

We Are / Words and Music by Ysaye Barnwell / Sung by Singers of UUCSS

Welcome (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)

Chalice Lighting & Congregational Commitment (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)

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

(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 - by Margaret Keip (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Hymn

Hymn #347 "Gather the Spirit" (from *Singing the Living Tradition*)

Time for All Ages (Marsha Thrall, Interim Director of Religious Education)

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

Arabesque No. 1 / Claude Debussy / Performed by Phyllis Stanley

----- 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 #123 "Fuente de Amor / Spirit of Life" (from Singing the Living Tradition)

Reflection (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

"Appreciation Sunday"

Ritual of Appreciation (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt and Marsha Thrall, Interim Director of Religious Education)

Litany - by Jay Libby

Offering Invitation (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)

Offertory

A Musical Collage / Excerpts from Live Performances by UUCSS Musicians over the years / Videos taken by Mary Kegel and selected/edited by Michael Holmes

Blessing the Offering (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Announcements (Stephanie McConachie, Board of Trustees)

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1010 "We Give Thanks" (from Singing the Journey)

Chalice Extinguishing (Esther McBride, Worship Associate)

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

Benediction (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Postlude

“Thank You Very Much” from Scrooge: The Musical / Leslie Bricusse / Michael Holmes, soloist & Phyllis Stanley,
piano

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