

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



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Deep River of Faith**

**Led by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt**  
**Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate**

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Dr. Laura Solomon, *Director of Spiritual Growth*

Michael Holmes, *Music Director*

Maggie Hayes, *President, Board of Trustees*

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Philip Browne, *Communications Administrator*

**Prelude:**

***Take Me to the Water*** / Rollo Dilworth / Sanctuary Singers / 9/8/2019

***Down to the River to Pray*** / Trad., Arr. M. Noia / Sanctuary Singers / 9/8/2019

***Air from Water Music*** / G.F. Handel / Bozena Jedrzejczak-Brown, piano, Michael Holmes, recorder / 9/8/2019

***Riversong*** / Roger Emerson / Sanctuary Singers, Tina Borrer, flute / 9/13/2013

***The River is Rising*** / Michael W. Smith / Sanctuary Singers, Breath Out Love, David Uffelman, solo / 4/7/2013

***Healing Waters*** / Jim Scott / Sanctuary Singers / Fifty Ways to Light Your Chalice House Band & soloists / 9/13/2015

***Night Lake*** / Wendy Lanxner / Sanctuary Singers, Wendy Lanxner & David Uffelman, solo / 3/1/2015

**Gathering Song:**

***Wings of Peace*** / Rabbi Aryeh Hirschfield / UUCSS Sanctuary Singers / Steve Wilmarth, guitar / Led by Michael Holmes

**Welcome (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)**

**Chalice Lighting (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)**

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

**Congregational Commitment (Bruce McConachie, 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)**

*“I am but a drop of water” / Kok-Heong McNaughton*

**Hymn**

**Hymn #126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** (from *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words by Robert Robinson and Eugene B. Navias / Music by John Wyeth / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

**Time for All Ages (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth; with Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt and Michael Holmes)**

*“The Little Stream Called to the Sea” / A Sufi story, adapted by Sidney Wilde / Retold by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt*

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

*Aria from the Goldberg Variations / J.S. Bach / 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. -----

**Water Sipping Ritual (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)**

*Music performed by Rose Vigil, Harp*

**Hymn**

**Hymn #100 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”** (from *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words and Music by Marvin V. Frey / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

**Homily “Deep River of Faith” (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)**

**Community Prayer (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)**

*Music performed by Rose Vigil, Harp / Photos from UUCSS Water Ceremony*

**Offering Invitation (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)**

**Offertory**

*Home / Philip Phillips / David Uffelman, soloist / with singers of UUCSS / Wendy Lanxner, bass / Steve Wilmarth, guitar*

**Blessing the Offering (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)**

**Announcements (Maggie Hayes, UUCSS Board of Trustees)**

**Closing Hymn**

**Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”** (From *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words by Samuel Anthony Wright / Music by Jean Sibelius / ASL Interpretation by Miako Villanueva

**Chalice Extinguishing (Bruce McConachie, 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**

**“Choose Joy”** / Words and Music by David Buskin & Robin Batteau / Performed by Buskin and Batteau & the UUCSS Sanctuary Singers

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