

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, October 31, 2021

“Remembrance Sunday”

Led by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

Preston Mears, Worship Associate

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Dr. Laura Solomon, *Director of Spiritual Growth*

Michael Holmes, *Music Director*

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Prelude:

Healing Rain / Michael Whitaker Smith, Martin James Smith & Matthew Brownlee / Sanctuary Singers, David B. Smith / 10/9/2011

Teach Your Children / Graham Nash / Nancy Dougherty & Carey Schneider / 6/19/2016

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

Holy Now / Peter Mayer / UUCSS A Cappella Ensemble, Emily Warheit, soloist / 12/16/2012

The Circle Game / Joni Mitchell / Susan-Marie Stedman & Tom Meylan / 7/3/2016

Gathering Song:

For Those Who Brought Us Here / Words and Music by Cernunnos Rising / Jim Paoletti, soloist / UUCSS Sanctuary Singers

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)

Written by Rev. Linda Hart

Hymn

Hymn #128 “For All That Is Our Life” (from *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words by Bruce Findlow / Music by Patrick L. Rickey

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

Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children / Written by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen

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

----- 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)

Prayer (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Hymn

Hymn #86 “Blessed Spirit of My Life” (From *Singing the Living Tradition*) / Words and Music by Shelley Jackson Denham

Ritual of Remembrance (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Remembering UUCSS Members (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Written by Beth Johnson, adapted

Responsive Reading (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

“This Sacred Thread” / Words by Rev. Heather K Janules

They once dwelled among us, the people of memory.

All: They who knew us, they who taught us,

They who hurt us, they who loved us.

They touch our lives time and again,
through their presence and their absence.

**All: Through familiar scents and favorite songs,
Through old stories and renewed sorrow.**

As the earth turns and leaves fall,
We reach back to renew the bonds between us.

**All: With hearts and hands open
We hold onto to love,
Ever-stronger than death.**

We reach back in gratitude and understanding -
Without our time together,
The pain and the joy,

**All: We would never be who we are today;
We would have little to pass on ourselves.**

Without fear, with thanksgiving
and with hope for all that awaits,

**All: We remember those who have gone before,
We honor the circle of life and death,
And our place within this sacred thread.**

Music for Reflection

Deep Peace / Music by Brian Tate / Performed by Phyllis Stanley, piano

Offering Invitation (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Offertory

Sing Me to Heaven / Words and music by Daniel Gawthrop / Performed by members of the UUCSS Sanctuary Singers

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 (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1001 "Breaths" (From Singing the Journey) / Words adapted from a poem by Birago Diop / Music by Ysaye M. Barnwell

Chalice Extinguishing (Preston Mears, Worship Associate)

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

Benediction (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Written by Rev. Sarah Lenzi

Postlude

Threnody and Limitless from "Requiem" / Words by Ralph Waldo Emerson & Archibald Rutledge / Music by Clif Hardin / Performed by the UUCSS Sanctuary Singers, Choir of Cedar Lane UU Church & Orchestra / Conducted by Michael Holmes

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