

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, November 21, 2021

“Our Share of the Work of Creation”

Led by Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

Bonnie Gallion, Worship Associate

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Dr. Laura Solomon, *Director of Spiritual Growth*

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Prelude:

We Gather Together / Dorothy Caiger and Robert E. Senghas / Sanctuary Singers / 9/8/2019

Season of the Grateful Heart / Jim Scott / Sanctuary Singers / 12/20/2015

Thanks Be for These / Richard & Joyce Gilbert / UUCSS Folk Ensemble / 1/8/2017

Let's Harvest / Al Start / Sanctuary Singers, Audrey Engdahl, solo / 11/24/2019

Thanksgiving Prayer / Don Besig / Carey Schneider and Michael Holmes, soloists, and Markus Williams, piano / 11/20/2016

Creative Love, What Thanks We Give / Words by William Dewitt Hyde, Music by Michael Holmes / Members of the Sanctuary Singers / 1/27/2019

Amazing Grace / Trad Spiritual / Sanctuary Singers, David Smith, Directing and Piano, Nancy Dougherty, solo / 10/20/2013

Thanksgiving Song / Mary Chapin Carpenter / Children's Choir / 11/24/2019

Come, Ye Thankful People / Jason McCoy / Sanctuary Singers / 11/4/2018

Gathering Song:

Room at the Table / Music by Carrie Newcomer / Performed by the UUCSS A Capella Group

Welcome (Bonnie Gallion, Worship Associate)

Chalice Lighting (Bonnie Gallion, Worship Associate)

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

Congregational Commitment (Bonnie Gallion, 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)

“Harvest Time” / Written by Manish Mishra-Manzetti

Hymn

Hymn #203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky” (from Singing the Living Tradition) / Words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226 / Music from “Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang”, adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Time for All Ages “Stone Soup” (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Sharing Our Thanks (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Introducing This Year’s Guests (Laura Randall)

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. -----

Centering (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Prayer (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Written by Rev. Laurel Littlejohn Gray

Hymn

Hymn #1010 “We Give Thanks” (From Singing the Journey) / Words and Music by Wendy Luella Perkins

Reading (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

“More Than We Deserve” / Written by Robert R. Walsh

Sermon “Our Share of the Work of Creation” (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Offering Invitation (Bonnie Gallion, Worship Associate)

Offertory

“Kind and Generous” / Words and Music by Natalie Merchant / 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.

Welcoming Our New Members (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt and the UUCSS Membership Committee)

New Member Recognition: Jake Ryder and Carolyn Strauss

Closing Hymn

Hymn #67 “We Sing Now Together” (From Singing the Living Tradition) / Words by Edwin T. Buehrer / Music from Adrian Valerius’ “Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck”, arranged by Edward Kremser

Chalice Extinguishing (Bonnie Gallion, Worship Associate)

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

Benediction (Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt)

Postlude

“What Will You Make?” / Words and Music by Lea Morris / Performed by Lea Morris (soloist), Rachel Taylor (cello), and Brian Simms (keyboard)

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