Come hell or full circle our arms filled with miracles
They hop skip, they walk round
Like magic clay aces stay with me go places once more for the ages
Come one now come on you this story breaks free here
Tears from the back pages
From somewhere, Encina, Deus Ex Machina, good morning Christina

Come hell or full circle our path blocked but showing
Make records then set them
Make copies win races stay with me go places once more for the ages

TESTIMONY — Lee Carey and Terry Linskey

READING — By Karen Hering

SERMON — Wayfarers. For Good.

*CLOSING HYMN — Blue Boat Home, 1064 teal hymnal

BENEDICTION | CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

POSTLUDE — Hallelujah by William Walker, arr. Shawn Kirchner, text by Charles Wesley — Unity Singers

Hallelujah!
And let this feeble body fail, and let it faint or die; my soul shall quit this mournful vale, and soar to worlds on high;
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

O what are all my sufferings here, if Lord, Thou count me meet, with that enraptured host to appear and worship at Thy feet!
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away, but let me find them all again in that eternal day.
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Daphne Berdahl, June 14, 1964, to October 5, 2007.

Evergreen Quilters made the quilt, "You're a Star!," that is hanging in the Sanctuary to honor the children participating in today's Celebration of New Lives. It will be donated to one of the team's partner organizations supporting families facing homelessness and hunger in our community.

Unity's Mano a Mano Community Outreach Ministry Team works, plays, advocates, educates, fundraises and travels with its partner organization, Mano a Mano International Partners. Mano a Mano International Partners builds infrastructure for health care, education, water, sustainable agriculture and transportation in rural Bolivia, one of the poorest places in the world. Travel to Bolivia in May of 2027 to witness and participate in Mano a Mano's work. Please donate by October 7.

Worship Associate Anne Haley, born and raised in St Paul, became a member of Unity Church along with her late husband, John, in 2013. She has worn several hats at Unity and now serves as a Welcome Team member and organizer of the Textile Arts gathering. Her other volunteer work is as a Travelers Assistant at the information booths at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. She enjoys knitting, reading, and hanging out with her dog, Zelda.

Unity Band members include Julia Brown, vocalist; Phil Carlson, guitar and vocalist; Ross Johnson, guitar and vocalist; Steve Lewis, percussion; Mark Chergosky, bass guitar; Ahmed Anzaldua, piano and melodica.

Unity Church resides on the homelands of the Dakota Nation. We honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and their ongoing contributions to this region. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota Nation, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place.

To access the Sanctuary's assistive listening system, please switch your hearing aid to "T" or request headphones or assistance from an usher. Large print orders of service are also available by request to an usher.

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Sunday, October 4, 2026
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Livestream at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 4, 2026
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC — Unity Band

WELCOME — Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

PEALING THE BELL

PRELUDE — This Must Be the Place by David Byrne

Home — is where I want to be
Pick me up and turn me round
I feel numb, born with a weak heart
I guess I must be having fun
The less we say about it the better
Make it up as we go along
Feet on the ground, head up in the sky
It's okay, I know nothing's wrong, nothing

Hi yo, I got plenty of time
Hi yo, you got light in your eyes
And you're standing here beside me
I love the passing of time

Never for money, always for love
Cover us and say goodnight
Say goodnight

Home is where I want to be
But I guess I'm already there
I come home, she lifted up her wings
I guess that this must be the place

I can't tell one from another
Did I find you, or you find me?
There was a time before we were born
If someone asks, this where I'll be, where I'll be

Hi yo, we drift in and out
Hi yo, sing into my mouth
Out of all those kinds of people
You got a face with a view

I'm just an animal looking for a home, and
Share the same space for a minute or two

And you love me 'til my heart stops
Love me 'til I'm dead
Eyes that light up, eyes look through you
Cover up the blank spots. Hit me on the head

CALL TO WORSHIP — Anne Haley

KINDLING THE CHALICE FLAME
We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith, the light of truth and the warmth of love.

*OPENING HYMN — Enter, Rejoice, and Come In, 361

*NEW MEMBER INGATHERING (9:00) — Philippa Anastos

Congregation: We, the members of Unity Church–Unitarian, welcome you and gratefully acknowledge your choice to join with us in our continuing religious life.

New members: I become a member of this church aware of the privileges and responsibilities of membership and with a sense of coming home this day.

Congregation: Ours is a faith which reveres the past, envisions the future and lives with passion in this moment. Even as we honor those who have brought us to this day, so we celebrate your newly found commitment and eagerly anticipate your contributions.

New members: I bring to this community my talents and enthusiasm, my shortcomings, and my doubts. I welcome the opportunity to be of service.

Unison: Today we renew our covenant to seek and speak the truth, to love one another without prejudice, and to respond with concerted efforts to the demands of justice.

New members: I share your aspirations, join you in covenant, and hope to build on your example.

Unison: Now, having affirmed one another in covenant, let us recite together our historic Bond of Fellowship:
As those who believe in religion,
As those who believe in freedom, fellowship and character in religion,
As those who believe that the religious life means
the thankful, trustful, loyal, and helpful life, and
As those who believe that a church is a community of helpers,
wherein it is made easier to lead such a life;
We join ourselves together, name, hand, and heart, as members of Unity Church.

*CELEBRATION OF NEW LIVES (11:15)

It is our faith that each child born is one more redeemer.

By this service of dedication, we commit ourselves to the nurture of these children.

Are you ready to dedicate yourselves to Tobias Frazier, Isaac Gernes, Rory Eilís McCarston, Locke Abo Miller, Hugh Graham Parker, Winifred Sophie Peterson-Webster, and Nora Thompson?

We are prepared. We dedicate our minds and hearts to these children and their parents.

Will you strive to love and cherish them in times of struggle as well as gladness?

We will love and cherish them always.

We acknowledge the divine spark within each child.

May we be worthy guardians of these young lives. May we build community in which they will grow old surrounded by beauty, embraced by love, and cradled in the arms of peace.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN — Love Will Guide Us, 131

EMBRACING MEDITATION — Rev. Shay MacKay

PRAYER — Holy One, Source of Radiance and Reason by Elizabeth Alexander — Unity Choirs
Holy One, Source of Radiance and Reason, thou whose love endows and animates our lives, we acknowledge thy presence within, among, and beyond us.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY — Go Places by John Collins
Yes a heart will always go one step too far
Come the morning and the four corners I see
What the moral of the back story could be
Come with me, go places

And a heart will always stay one day too long
Always hoping for the hot flashes to come
For the glue to dry on our new creation
Come with me, go places

Come hell or full circle our arms filled with miracles
They half speak, they walk round
Like classic splay aces stay with me go places once more for the ages

Yes a heart should always go one step too far
Come the morning and the day wondering like a dream
Come the morning ev-er-y blue shade of me
Come with me, go places ⇨