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Unity Singers is Unity's auditioned, chamber choral ensemble. Each singer's involvement is built on a passion for singing and for ministry through music. This ensemble has an outstanding trajectory of representing Unitarian Universalist music locally and abroad through many commissions and premieres of music by world-renowned composers, professionally-produced recording projects, and collaborations with other ensembles and community organizations. Kathleen Kraulik, accompanist; Ahmed Anzaldúa, director.

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A Tolling of Bells



Unity Church-Unitarian
Sunday, January 2, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
[Livestream](#) at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 2, 2022
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Karen Hering

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE There Will Be Rest by Frank Ticheli
Unity Singers

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.
I will make this world of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.
I shall find the crystal of peace, – above me
Stars I shall find.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*OPENING HYMN (336) All My Memories of Love

*UNISON AFFIRMATION By Rev. Dr. John Cummins
There is but one place
Where time and death have no dominion:
That place is love.

SILENCE

EMBRACING MEDITATION

PRAYER

EULOGIES

ANTHEM Angel Band arranged by Shawn Kirchner
The latest sun is sinking fast, my race is almost run.
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.
Refrain:
O come, angel band, come and around me stand,
O bear me away on your snow-white wings to my eternal home.

I know I'm near the holy ranks of friends and kindred dear;
I've brushed the dew on Jordan's banks, the crossing must be near.

I've almost gained my heavenly home — my spirit loudly sings.
The Holy Ones, behold, they come — I hear the noise of wings.

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OFFERING MUSIC

HOMILY A Tolling of Bells

INTERLUDE

*A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE
As we cross into a new year, we recall the bitter pain of loss. There is no emptiness
quite like losing someone we love.

Yet loving and letting go are woven fine.

We cling to the pain, as if by suffering we honor those gone on before and keep
them somehow in our midst.

Yet they live on in our longing to love. In our struggle for justice, they serve still.

We rage against the inevitability of death. Each loss seems to diminish us all.

*Yet as we stand at the bedside, as we summon the strength to be there, we are
embraced by an inexplicable blossoming.*

We wonder whether we can bear the pain. We are captured by despair, struck
numb and overwhelmed, terrified and utterly without hope.

*And it is in the weaving of life and death that our honest faith is born. May this
new year bring greater wisdom, fuller wonder, grander vision, ampler hope.*

CANDLELIGHTING

PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN (101) Abide with Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Deep Peace by Bill Douglas

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the floating air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace to you