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Dare to Be Powerful



Unity Church–Unitarian
Sunday, January 24, 2021
10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC	Nocturne No. 1 by Richard Faith The Star-Spangled Banner Takes a Knee by Abbie Betinis (Kathy, KrisAnne)
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs
RINGING OF THE BELL	Barbara Hubbard
CALL TO WORSHIP	Lia Rivamonte
LIGHTING THE CHALICE	(Lia)
*OPENING HYMN (30)	Over My Head (Kathy, KrisAnne, Teresa)
*UNISON AFFIRMATION	Dreams by Langston Hughes (Lia) Hold fast to your dreams. For if dreams die life is like a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Hold fast to your dreams, for when dreams go, life is a barren field frozen with snow.
SILENCE	
EMBRACING MEDITATION	(Janne)
MINISTER'S PRAYER	Rev. Meg Riley
SUNG RESPONSE (389)	Gathered Here (Kathy, Teresa, KrisAnne)
STORY FOR ALL AGES	Rev. KP Hong
INTERLUDE	(Kathy)
OFFERING	(Janne)
OFFERING MUSIC	One More Step / We Shall Overcome (Kathy)
READING	<i>from</i> what is unveiled? the founding wound (poem/directive) by adrienne marie brown (Meg)

REFLECTION	(Lia)
INTERLUDE	(Kathy)
READING	A New National Anthem by Ada Limon (Lia)
SERMON	Dare to Be Powerful (Meg)
*CLOSING HYMN (1028)	The Fire of Commitment (Kathy, Teresa, KrisAnne)
*BENEDICTION	(Meg)
POSTLUDE	A Change Has Got to Come by Jacqueline Hairston (Ahmed, Teresa)

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Chauncey Wright Griggs, III.

Today's offering recipient, Help at Your Door, was founded in 1984 and provides home bound individuals of all income levels access to competitively priced food and personalized delivery. In 2019 over 500 volunteers also provided 18,000+ hours of home assistance, helping clients stay safe at home. This collection will support outreach to clients including help with food needs and access to items critical for pandemic survival. Unity Church member Hal Freshly submitted this nomination. Make a donation online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Pianist Kathleen Kraulik joined Unity's music team in 2010 and accompanies Unity Choir, Unity Singers, and Women's Ensemble. As an undergraduate she discovered that she loved playing for singers, and after more than 30 years as a free lance pianist in the Twin Cities she still loves playing for singers!

Rev. Meg A. Riley retired in 2020 after 38 years as a UU religious professional. She held a variety of positions in congregations and with the national UUA headquarters, most recently as Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. In July of 2020 she became co-moderator, with Charles DuMond, of the UUA. She lives in Minneapolis with her family.

Lia Rivamonte, worship associate, is a longtime member of and evangelist for Unity Church. She is honored to be serving as a worship associate, one of her favorite roles in church life among many others. She lives in the Little Bohemia neighborhood of St. Paul (down the hill) with her husband, Matt Brown.

Teresa Tierney has been privileged to be on Unity's music staff since 2006. She has appeared locally with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Oratorio Society of Minnesota (among others) and maintains a private studio in her home and online where she is passionate about helping singers of many ages and levels develop their authentic voice.

KrisAnne Weiss is a Minneapolis-based mezzo-soprano and voice teacher. She enjoys an eclectic performing career of music-theater and concert work, and is an accomplished recitalist, chamber musician, and narrator. KrisAnne has been on the Unity Church music staff since 1999.