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Heeding the Call

Rev. Shay MacKay



Unity Church–Unitarian

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

[Livestream](#) at 9:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Improvisation with Bowhead, Laura Potratz, organ
Blue, and Humpback whales

PEALING THE BELL Gudrun Brooks (9:00), Tom Zell (11:00)

PRELUDE Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP | KINDLING THE CHALICE FLAME

*OPENING HYMN #288 *All Are Architects*

*UNISON AFFIRMATION #419 *Look to this Day!*

EMBRACING MEDITATION | PRAYER Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

SILENCE

ANTHEM *Be Like the Bird* Women's Ensemble
By Abbie Betinis

Be like the bird that, pausing in her flight a while on boughs too slight, feels them
give way beneath her, yet sings, and sings, and sings knowing she has wings.

READING The Book of Jonah, Chapter One

SERMON *Heeding the Call* Rev. Shay MacKay
Musical selection is *Here I Am, Lord* by Dan Schutte

OFFERING | OFFERTORY

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

*CLOSING HYMN #394 *Hava Nashirah*

*BENEDICTION

You are free to leave during the musical postlude or remain in the Sanctuary.

Unity Church resides on the homelands of the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations. 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 and Ojibwe Nations, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place.

Today's offering recipient, Exodus Lending, helps Minnesotans get out of predatory loan debt and back on track financially. Through their 0% interest refinance program, qualified participants are able to pay off payday, pawn, and car title loans carrying an average interest rate of 200%. The average family in payday debt is trapped in revolving payday debt for at least five months out of the year. This cycle deters them from pursuing any financial future outside of paying off debt. Unity Church members Ray Wiedmeyer and Karen Abraham support Exodus Lending. Donate at bit.ly/sundayoffering



Rev. Shay MacKay is a former Hallman Ministerial Intern who was ordained here at Unity Church in 2017. Since then she has done all kinds of things! Shay is currently working as the Caregiver Services Coordinator for East Side Neighborhood Services in NE Minneapolis, as well as doing entrepreneurial ministry with her wife, Rev. Diana McLean, at Sacred Depths. They live in North Minneapolis with their fuzzies, Gus and Maya.

Unity's Women's Ensemble meets for only one half-hour each Sunday morning and to this short rehearsal time the members bring tremendous creative energy, commitment, and joy! While this group emerged and continues to function as a space that supports and empowers women, all soprano and alto singers are encouraged to apply for Unity's Women's Ensemble, including transfeminine, transmasculine, and nonbinary as well as cis male sopranos and altos. Ahmed Anzaldúa, director; Kathleen Kraulik, pianist

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.