

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving celebration of Sharon Merritt's 80th birthday. With admiration, gratitude, and love from her children and grandchildren, Kari, Andy, Ann, Tim, Sam and Claudia.

The St. Paul YWCA'S Stride Program, today's offering recipient, supports young women of color who are transitioning from foster care by helping them secure stable housing and navigate the complexities of mentor relationships along with financial and educational resources needed to realize their dreams of self-sufficiency. This collection will support the celebration of birthdays, graduations, and other milestones; activities to foster relationships with caring adults; and the purchase of cleaning and other basic household supplies for a first apartment. Donate at bit.ly/sundayoffering



Today we warmly welcome Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair, Unity's candidate for Senior Minister. Originally from East Lansing, Michigan, Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair followed a long path to ministry, joining Peace Corps and starting a career in the nonprofit world. After a major health event, he realized that ministry in the Unitarian Universalist Association was how he could best express who he was, while channeling his idealism into a faith and organization he has been a part of for over twenty years. Rev. Oscar is a graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland, and holds a Masters of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Since 2017 he has served as the senior minister at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. Rev. Oscar and his wife Stacie met in graduate school and are now parents to daughter Ailish, and black lab, Teddy.

Worship associate Ari Giles lives in the Mill District of Downtown Minneapolis. After taking time to explore other areas of the country, she's thrilled to be back in the Twin Cities. She's enjoyed rediscovering old favorites like the Minneapolis Institute of Art and Springbrook Nature Center. Though her membership is recent, her participation in Unity's community has deep roots after being raised in the church.

Unity's Children's Choir is a vibrant group of first through fifth graders that reflects the many talents of our children and the support of our parent community. Kathleen Radspinner, director; Priscilla Morton, pianist

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. Ahmed Anzaldúa, director; Kathleen Kraulik, pianist

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Good Bones
Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair



Unity Church–Unitarian
Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
[Livestream](#) at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Be the Light
By Franklin Willis

Children's Choir

Be the light, be the light. You and I must work together to be the light!
We must work together. You and I can be the light!
Shine oh shine. Shine, and be the light!

WELCOME

Rev. Lara Cowtan

PEALING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Hymn to the Eternal Flame Unity Singers | Children's Choir
By Stephen Paulus | Text by Michael Dennis Browne

*Every face is in you, every voice,
Every sorrow in you.
Every pity, every love,
Every memory, woven into fire.
Every breath is in you, every cry,
Every longing in you.
Every singing, every hope,
Every healing, woven into fire.
Every heart is in you,
Every tongue, every trembling in you,
Every blessing, every soul,
Every shining, woven into fire.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Holy Alchemy by Kim Mason

Ari Giles

KINDLING THE CHALICE FLAME

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

*HYMN

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (34)

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

Rev. KP Hong | Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

May your mind be open to new learning. May your lips bring truth into the world.
May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice,
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

EMBRACING MEDITATION | PRAYER | SILENCE

READING

Good Bones by Maggie Smith

SERMON

Good Bones

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Vagabond

Unity Singers

By Ralph Vaughan Williams | Text by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Give to me the life I love,
Let the lave go by me,
Give the jolly heaven above,
And the byway nigh me.
Bed in the bush with stars to see,
Bread I dip in the river—
There's the life for a man like me,
There's the life for ever.
Let the blow fall soon or late,
Let what will be o'er me;
Give the face of earth around,
And the road before me.
Wealth I seek not, hope nor love,
Nor a friend to know me;
All I seek, the heaven above,
And the road below me.
Or let autumn fall on me
Where afield I linger,
Silencing the bird on tree,
Biting the blue finger.
White as meal the frosty field—
Warm the fireside haven—
Not to autumn will I yield,
Not to winter even!*

*HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song (108)

*BENEDICTION

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community and the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

POSTLUDE

Birdsong
By the Wailin' Jennys

Unity Singers
John Whitehead, banjo
Ross Johnson, mandolin
Callum Schultz, bass

*I hear a bird chirping up in the sky
I'd like to be free like that, spread my wings so high
I see the river flowing, water running by
I'd like to be that river, see what I might find
I feel the wind a-blowing, slowly changing time
I'd like to be that wind; I'd swirl and shape the sky
I smell the flowers blooming, opening for spring
I'd like to be those flowers, open to everything
I feel the seasons change: the leaves, the snow and the sun
I'd like to be those seasons, made up and undone
I taste the living earth, the seeds that grow within
I'd like to be that earth, a home where life begins
I see the moon a-rising, reaching into night
I'd like to be that moon: a knowing, glowing light
I know the silence as the world begins to wake
I'd like to be that silence as the morning breaks*