

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 freelance pianist in the Twin Cities she still loves playing for singers!

Jake Rueter, worship associate, lives with his wife Amanda in the Hamline Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul. Jake serves as a multimodal planner with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, where he works in partnership with communities in Greater Minnesota to make it safer and easier for people to walk and bicycle. He enjoys cooking, hiking, camping, and working with Amanda to care for their gardens, backyard chickens, and miniature bernedoodle, Ola.

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.

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## Compassion's Call



Unity Church-Unitarian  
Sunday, April 18, 2021  
10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 18, 2021

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Indigenous flutes, Vladimir Garrido

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

RINGING OF THE BELL Barbara Hubbard

CALL TO WORSHIP Words by Jake Rueter, read by Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

LIGHTING THE CHALICE (Rob)

\*OPENING HYMN (89) Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (Kathy, KrisAnne)

\*RESPONSIVE READING By Audre Lorde (Rob)

And I dream of our coming together

*Encircled driven not only by love*

But lust for a working tomorrow

*The flights of this journey*

*Mapless uncertain*

And as necessary as water

SILENCE

EMBRACING MEDITATION (Janne)

MINISTER'S PRAYER (Janne)

SUNG RESPONSE (391) Voice Still and Small  
Kathy Kraulik, piano; Mark Dietrich, voice; KrisAnne Weiss, voice

STORY FOR ALL AGES Rev. KP Hong

INTERLUDE (Kathy)

\*CELEBRATION OF NEW LIVES (Rob and Janne, video)

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

Congregation: By this Service of Dedication, we commit ourselves to the nurture of these children.

Minister: Are you ready to dedicate yourselves to

Rowan Amias Barnes

Jonah Virgil Barnes

Emily Jacqueline Foster-Walters

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

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

Congregation: We will love and cherish them always.

Minister: We acknowledge the divine spark within each child.

Congregation: 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.

INTERLUDE (Kathy)

READING The Word by Tony Hoagland (Janne)

INTERLUDE (Kathy)

OFFERING (Janne)

OFFERING MUSIC Indigenous flutes (Vladimir)

READING Growing Light by George Ella Lyon (Rob)

SERMON Compassion's Call (Janne)

\*CLOSING HYMN (299) Make Channels for the Streams of Love  
(Kathy, KrisAnne, Mark)

\*BENEDICTION (Janne)

POSTLUDE The Song of the Leaves of Life and the Water of Life by Vaughan Williams  
(Kathy)

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mary Ann Huelster, from her family.

Women's Advocates, today's offering recipient, accompanies victims/survivors in their determination to break the cycle of domestic violence. It provides a continuum of safety including extensive prevention and education outreach, emergency shelter and advocacy services for victims fleeing violence, as well as wrap-around assistance for survivors after they leave temporary shelter. This collection is earmarked for rent assistance for domestic violence survivors and their children. Unity Church member Estelle Brouwer is the executive director of Women's Advocates in St. Paul. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Mark Dietrich is the Unity Choir bass section leader. Mark grew up in northern Ohio and attended the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (twice!). His greatest love is working with small vocal ensembles — The Village Waytes in Cincinnati, Dare to Breathe in Saint Paul, and The Rose Ensemble, of which he was a founding member.

Vladimir Garrido is a musician, folk dancer, and sound engineer born in the city of Arica-Chile. He has been doing music/art in the Twin Cities for more than 15 years being the director of the band Alma Andina, the mother and son duet Ina-Yukka, and the trio V4loops. Vladimir's music reflects his cultural background in combination with modern music genres and activist lyrics. {continued}