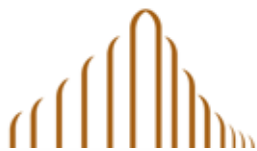


# We Give Thanks for Being Here Together



Unity Church-Unitarian  
Arthur Foote Music Sunday

Sunday, May 2, 2021  
10:00 AM

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GATHERING MUSIC  
*Beginning at 9:30 a.m.*

Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat, op. 87 by Antonín Dvořák  
I. Allegro con fuoco  
II. Lento  
III. Allegro moderato, grazioso  
IV. Finale. Allegro ma non troppo

Anne Ainomäe, viola; Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano; Jane Cords-O'Hara, cello; Elise Parker, violin

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

RINGING OF THE BELL

Barbara Hubbard

INTRODUCTION

Introduction to "What If You Slept"  
Marg Walker

PRELUDE

What If You Slept by Abbie Betinis (video)  
Unity Singers

What if you slept  
and what if  
in your dream  
you met me where I was  
there with you  
in my dream  
And what if we walked  
along the city street  
swinging our arms  
and when we reached the park  
played with a child  
in the grass  
a child we did not know  
but who, like us,  
was vibrant  
and unstoppable  
And then kept walking  
to find the far reaches  
of our dream  
unencumbered by time  
past crowds, mosaics  
even a choir  
everything falling away  
from the force of our delight  
And when we woke  
in our separate worlds  
what if it were enough  
to have had  
in such a way  
this simple  
impossible thing?

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Marg)

OPENING HYMN (30)

Over My Head (video)  
Unity Singers; Kathy Kraulik, piano

RESPONSIVE READING

By Marg Walker (Marg)

Whether your family lives far away  
or has been huddled together, cramped and anxious –

*Come, whoever you are.*

Whether the lockdown of social life has offered tranquility  
or has shown you the lonely corners of your mind –

*Come, whoever you are.*

Whether you have given generously from your abundance  
or in your great need have only been able to receive –

*Come, whoever you are.*

Whatever losses you have taught yourself to endure,  
whatever small moments of joy you have found –

*Come, whoever you are.*

It is good to be together.

SILENCE

EMBRACING MEDITATION

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

MINISTER'S PRAYER

(Rob)

SUNG RESPONSE (357)

Bright Morning Stars  
KrisAnne Weiss and Shahzore Shah

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Rev. KP Hong

MUSIC

Piano Trio No.2 in C Major, Op.87 - Movement II. Andante con moto, by Johannes Brahms  
Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano; Jane Cords-O'Hara, cello; Elise Parker, violin

OFFERING AND RECOGNITION

Recognition of Ruth Palmer as Music Director Emerita  
(Janne/Rob)

OFFERING MUSIC

Scaramouche, Movement I, by Darius Milhaud  
Ahmed Anzaldúa and Ruth Palmer, piano

READING

Listen by Barbara Crooker (excerpt) (Marg)

Listen,

I want to tell you something. This morning  
is bright after all the steady rain, and every iris,  
peony, rose, opens its mouth, rejoicing. I want to say,  
wake up, open your eyes, there's a snow-covered road  
ahead, a field of blankness, a sheet of paper, an empty screen.  
Even the smallest insects are singing, vibrating their entire bodies,  
tiny violins of longing and desire. We were made for song...

MUSIC

The Storm is Passing Over by Charles Albert Tindley, arr. by Barbara Baker (video)  
Women's Ensemble; Kathy Kraulik, piano

## READING

For a Moment by Marg Walker (Marg)

I heard a shimmer of voices in the hall of night  
from the northern sky where threads of light are spun -  
song long remembered, song again to come.  
For a moment my bird heart bloomed.

## MUSIC

Blackbird by Paul McCartney  
Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano

## READING AND REFLECTION

For a Moment by Marg Walker (Marg)

I paused on the path and listened to the red-winged blackbird's  
spring call reaching through un-leafed trees like a healer's sure hands.  
For a moment I thought of you alone  
though anyone could hear it, anyone might need its song.

## MUSIC (108)

My Life Flows On In Endless Song  
Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

## REFLECTION

(Marg)

## CLOSING HYMN

We Give Thanks for Being by Elizabeth Alexander (videos)  
Children's Choir, Unity Choir

## BENEDICTION

(Marg)

## POSTLUDE

Bird Song by Heather Masse (of The Wailin' Jennys) (video)  
Unity Singers; Ross Johnson, mandolin; Mayra Mendoza, violin; Keith Yanes, double bass

## MUSICIANS

Anne Ainomäe, viola  
Ahmed Anzaldúa, Director of Music Ministries  
Jane Cords-O'Hara, cello  
Ross Johnson, mandolin  
Kathy Kraulik, piano  
Mayra Mendoza, violin  
Elise Parker, violin  
Shahzore Shah, voice  
KrisAnne Weiss, voice  
Keith Yanes, double bass  
Children's Choir: Kathleen Radspinner, director  
Unity Choir  
Unity Singers  
Women's Ensemble

Marcus Young, Unity's current artist in residence, is leading an outdoor session during the service open to participants in the sessions of "Don't You Feel It Too" and "Listen With Love" that he led during his residency.

The offering recipient is the Arthur Foote Music Sunday Fund. Make a donation here; <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the Foote family, in deep appreciation to Unity Church for its continuing commitment to glorious music in memory of Arthur Foote.