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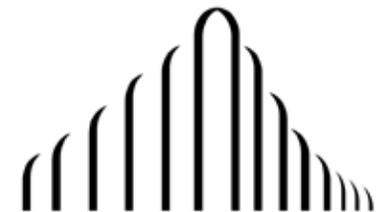
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Birthing a New Way



Unity Church–Unitarian

Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Romance by Robert Schumann / Elegy by Felix Mendelssohn
Kathy Kraulik, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

RINGING OF THE BELL Barbara Hubbard

CALL TO WORSHIP Erika Sanders

LIGHTING THE CHALICE (Erika)

*OPENING HYMN (117) O Light of Life
Unity Singers Quartet (Kathy)

*RESPONSIVE READING This Is Where We Are, Martin Luther King, Jr. (Erika)

This is where we are.

Where do we go from here?

First, we must massively assert our dignity and worth.

*We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses
and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of values...*

What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive,

and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.

Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice,

and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.

And this is what we must see as we move on.

SILENCE

EMBRACING MEDITATION (Janne)

MINISTER'S PRAYER (Janne)

SUNG RESPONSE The 23rd Psalm, Dedicated to My Mother (quartet, Kathy)

STORY FOR ALL AGES Rev. KP Hong

INTERLUDE (Kathy)

OFFERING (Janne)

OFFERING MUSIC Songs My Mother Taught Me by Antonín Dvořák (Kathy)

READING Testament by Carolyn M. Rogers (Janne)

REFLECTION (Erika)

INTERLUDE (Kathy)

HOMILY Birthing a New Way (Janne)

*CLOSING HYMN (317) We Are Now Our Own (quartet, Kathy)

*BENEDICTION (Janne)

POSTLUDE We Are... (quartet, Kathy)

The flowers today are given by Jack and Marty Rossmann in memory of their mothers and to honor all parents.

Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABSHC) provides resources to assist those impacted by the trauma endured by forced enrollment of Indigenous children in church-run boarding schools. This organization partners with church denominations involved in these schools to educate and help both sides heal from the generational impact of stripping native children of their identity and voice. This collection will launch Unity's partnership with NABSHC and support its May 26 Wellspring Wednesday presentation. Donate 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 freelance pianist in the Twin Cities she still loves playing for singers!

Raised a UU in suburban Detroit, worship associate Erika Sanders lives in Saint Paul with her husband, Adrian Hegeman, their daughters Sylvia and Ramona, two cats, a dog, and several chickens. For over twenty years, she's worked for a Milwaukee based non-profit organization that fights illegal housing discrimination and endeavors to create racially and economically integrated communities. She loves to photograph unique signage and murals around the twin cities, migrating songbirds, and social justice-oriented events.

Unity Singers Quartet
Angela and Brian Newhouse, Chris and Cathy Crosby-Schmidt