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The Abundance of Solidarity



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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC	Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Ruth MacKenzie
RINGING OF THE BELL	Barbara Hubbard
CALL TO WORSHIP	Ray Wiedmeyer
LIGHTING THE CHALICE	
*OPENING HYMN (126)	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
*UNISON READING (580)	The Task of the Religious Community by Mark Morrison-Reed (Ray)
SILENCE	
EMBRACING MEDITATION	(Ruth)
MINISTER'S PRAYER	(Ruth)
*SUNG RESPONSE (123)	Spirit of Life
STORY FOR ALL AGES	Drew Danielson
INTERLUDE	(Ahmed)
OFFERING	(Ray)
OFFERING MUSIC	(Ahmed)
READINGS	What Makes These Changes? — Rumi (Ruth) Excerpt from an interview with adrienne maree brown in YES! Magazine (Ray)
SERMON	The Abundance of Solidarity (Ruth)
*CLOSING HYMN (299)	Make Channels for the Streams of Love
*BENEDICTION	(Ruth)
POSTLUDE	Love Like That Music by Elizabeth Alexander, words from Hafiz Elizabeth Alexander, piano; Ruth MacKenzie, voice

Days for Girls, today's offering recipient, provides washable feminine hygiene kits to send to girls in developing countries as a way to help them continue their education, avoid marrying at a young age, and break the cycle of poverty. This collection will help the Arden Hills Days for Girls Team meet its 2021 goal of preparing and distributing 800 kits. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Elizabeth Alexander's music reflects her liberal Presbyterian upbringing, her 35+ years as a Unitarian Universalist, and her ever-widening understanding of the world's diverse faiths. A member of Unity Church for almost 20 years, she has served as a worship associate, welcome team member, Wellspring Wednesday cook, and occasional pianist and music leader. Elizabeth has composed numerous pieces for Unity Church's musical ensembles, and during pandemic her music videos and virtual performers were part of over 100 UU worship services. All of this makes her very happy.

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie is a long time member of Unity Church—Unitarian. She recently retired from full time ministry at First Universalist Church of Minneapolis this past summer. Before serving Unitarian Universalist ministry with her artistry, she was well known in the Twin Cities as a singer/theater artist who served her artistry as a form of ministry. She is grateful to lend her voice and passion to this worship service today.

Ray Wiedmeyer is also a long time member of Unity Church. Retired for over seven years, he found he could not stop working. Ray manages the Mano a Mano warehouse as a volunteer here in St. Paul where he also lives with Karen Abraham, his partner of many, many years. He also serves on Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Outreach Team and the Beloved Community Communications Team.

As we begin to reopen the church during the month of July, we are inviting choir members to join us on Sunday morning to help lead the singing of our hymns. We are grateful for these singers lending their voices to our live-streamed services.