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# The Longest Table



Unity Church–Unitarian  
Sunday, July 25, 2021  
10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 25, 2021

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

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|-----------------------------|---|
| GATHERING MUSIC             | Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano   |
| WORDS OF WELCOME            | Rev. KP Hong  |
| RINGING OF THE BELL         | Barbara Hubbard   |
| CALL TO WORSHIP             | Richard Lau   |
| LIGHTING THE CHALICE        |   |
| *OPENING HYMN (16)          | 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple  |
| *UNISON READING (498)       | In the quietness of this place... Howard Thurman (Richard)                        |
| SILENCE                     |   |
| EMBRACING MEDITATION        | Erika Sanders   |
| MINISTER'S PRAYER           | (Erika)   |
| *SUNG RESPONSE (see insert) | Dear Friends  |
| STORY FOR ALL AGES          | (KP)  |
| INTERLUDE                   | (Ahmed)   |
| OFFERING                    | (Richard)   |
| OFFERING MUSIC              | (Ahmed)   |
| READINGS                    | The Ambition Bird by Cory Wade (Erika)<br>The Moment by Margaret Atwood (Richard) |
| SERMON                      | The Longest Table (Erika)   |
| *CLOSING HYMN (18)          | What Wondrous Love  |
| *BENEDICTION                | (Erika)   |
| POSTLUDE                    | (Ahmed)   |

Neighborhood House, today's offering recipient, has supported immigrant, refugee, and low income families in the St. Paul area for nearly 125 years. Through food and housing assistance, crisis resources, and education services, Neighborhood House has helped individuals gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to make changes in their life and reach their social and financial goals creating a more equitable community for all. This collection will support a distance learning site in the Wellstone Center providing supervised support for kids working though learning deficits incurred during a school year interrupted by pandemic restrictions. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Richard Lau is originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, but decided 23 years ago that he wanted to experience -50 wind chills and never left. He now lives in Woodbury with his wife Heather, their two daughters, two dogs, and two cats. When not cooking, eating, talking about cooking or eating, teaching religious education, or being part of Unity's Multicultural Conversation Partners Group, Rich is a real estate attorney in private practice.

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.

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.

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2 Let me tell you how I \_\_\_\_\_ feel,

3 You have gi - ven me such \_\_\_\_\_ ri - ches

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