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# We Could All Use a Little Mercy Now



Unity Church–Unitarian

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 7, 2022

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

GATHERING MUSIC Selections by Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE The Planets: Venus, the Bringer of Peace by Gustav Holst  
Two pianos: Laura Potratz and Ahmed Anzaldúa

CALL TO WORSHIP Jen Welsh

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

\*OPENING HYMN (93) To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love

SILENCE

SONG OF PRAYER I Know This Rose Will Open

I know this rose will open.  
I know my fear will all burn away.  
I know my soul will unfurl its wings.  
I know this rose will open.

EMBRACING MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

READINGS Tao te Ching #67 - Lao Tzu  
Excerpt from *It All Turns on Affection* by Wendell Berry

INTERLUDE

SERMON We Could All Use a Little Mercy Now

\*CLOSING HYMN (148) Let Freedom Span Both East and West

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Scaramouche: Movement II, Modéré by Darius Milhaud

Today's offering recipient, the Como/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program, organizes volunteers, professionals, and family members to provide care for over 400 at-home seniors in ways that support choice, dignity, and independence. This collection will support services that assist clients as they update their legal and medical end-of-life documents. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie is Minister Emerita of First Universalist Church of Minneapolis. She served First Universalist for ten years after a successful career as a playwright, songwriter, and performer. Her theatrical creations: *Kalevala: Dream of the Salmon Maiden*, *The Snow Queen*, and *Theotokos*, were produced by the Guthrie Theatre, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, and Children's Theater Company. A longtime member of Unity Church and recently retired, Ruth is embarking on a new professional journey of discovery about how the arts and creativity can enliven the life of worship, the life of the spirit, and forge new visions of grace, racial justice, and healing in a broken world.

Worship associate Jen Welsh has been a member of Unity Church since 2009. She is a physician who enjoys talking with patients about what matters most and caring for those at the end of their life. She has been married for over 30 years to her husband, Bill, the love of her life, and they have two adult children (Jack and Josie).

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