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# To Boldly Go Where...

Rev. George Anastos



Unity Church–Unitarian

Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, September 3, 2023  
*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Ahmed Anzaldúa

PEALING THE BELL

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME Carol Mahnke

CALL TO WORSHIP Beloved by Jan Richardson Rev. George Anastos

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Prayer by Andrea La Sonde Anastos  
In unison:

Beckoning Unknown,  
Beloved Mystery,  
with your strong, fresh wind  
rattle the latches of my closed mind,  
my closed heart, my closed-down dreams.  
Whistle your tantalizing invitation  
through the tiny cracks in my familiar fortress—  
Summon my from the usual and the normal  
into the wide open abundance  
of the miraculous other  
where I can see my life against new landscapes,  
listen to the wisdom of new silences,  
contemplate the shape of new horizons.

\*OPENING HYMN #23 Bring Many Names

EMBRACING MEDITATION

PRAYER

SILENCE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

REFLECTION Carol Mahnke

READING The Journey by Mary Oliver

SERMON To Boldly Go Where... Rev. George Anastos

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

\*CLOSING HYMN In the Midst of New Dimensions  
(see insert)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*You are free to leave during the musical postlude or remain in the Sanctuary.*

Unity Church resides on the homelands of the Dakota Nation. We honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and their ongoing contributions to this region. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota Nation, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Anne Haley, with thanksgiving for and in loving memory of her husband, John, on their 37th wedding anniversary. Gladiolas were John's favorite flower.

Sarah's Oasis for Women is a home dedicated to the safety and dignity of a diverse community of women who have survived violence, abuse, torture, war, discrimination, and trauma. The residents of Sarah's begin new and productive lives through programs that build self-esteem, self-sufficiency, confidence, determination, and community. Sarah's connects its residents to social services, education opportunities, job preparedness training, and medical care.  
Donate at [bit.ly/sundayoffering](https://bit.ly/sundayoffering)

Carol Knapp Mahnke grew up in Brooklyn Park and returned to the Twin Cities after her spouse, the Rev. Terry Mahnke, died of cancer in 2016. Carol has degrees from Concordia College Moorhead (BA), and Moorhead State University (MLA). She was a reporter and assignment editor for *The Forum* newspaper across the Red River in Fargo, ND. A career crisis and other pressures brought on prolonged depression, but as she regained mental health she became an emergency medical technician (EMT) serving the town of Rake, IA. She is a member of the Women's Ensemble and the Congregational Care Team, and she works with the Bookstall and helps edit *Cairns*.

To access the Sanctuary's assistive listening system, please switch your hearing aid to "T" or request headphones or assistance from an usher. Large print orders of service are also available by request to an usher.