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Our Work



Unity Church–Unitarian
Sunday, September 4, 2022
10:00 a.m. • [Livestream](#)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 4, 2022

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC
Composed by the great Irish harper, Turlough O'Carolan, arranged by Sunita Staneslow
Selections of melodies
Sunita Staneslow, harp

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE
For the Beauty of the Earth — Konrad Kocher

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*OPENING HYMN (1000, teal hymnal)
Morning Has Come
Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano

READING
Just as the Winged Energy of Delight
Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by Robert Bly

REFLECTION
finn schneider

INTERLUDE

SILENCE

SONG OF PRAYER
Meditation on Breathing
When I breathe in, I breathe in peace
When I breathe out, I breathe out love

EMBRACING MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC
Phosphorescence — Alys Howe

READING
Philippians 4:8-9

REFLECTION
Paige Tighe

HYMN (128, verses 1 and 2)
For All That Is Our Life

REFLECTION

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

*CLOSING HYMN (1008, teal hymnal)
When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sleep Soon In the Mornin' — traditional Shetland Reel/Da Mirrie Dancers
Composed by Sunita Staneslow for a sound station on Unst for Wild Skies Shetland

Today's offering recipient, Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABSHC), provides resources to assist those living with the trauma resulting from forced enrollment in church-run boarding schools. NABSHC partners with faith denominations involved in these schools to break the silence and begin the healing from the generational social, emotional, spiritual, and cultural devastation resulting from stripping native children of their identity and their voice. This collection will support the dissemination of its comprehensive trauma-informed curricula. Unity Church member Becky Gonzalez-Campoy is a non-tribal member of NABSHC working with Unity's Indigenous Justice Team. Donate online at bit.ly/sundayoffering.

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie is a long time member of Unity Church and 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. 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.

finn schneider began attending Unity Church last summer. This unfolding chapter of their faith journey has been characterized by nourishing and collective spiritual practice, as well as a new-found interest in queer and feminist theology. finn works as an ombudsperson at the University of Minnesota; they also work as a reader and writer of poetry, a caregiver and companion to dear ones, and a spiritual seeker intent on helping to build beloved community.

Paige Tighe is an artist living in St. Paul. They work as the Weaver's Guild of Minnesota's Engagement Specialist. They are preparing for a painting and installation exhibition at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance in Morris, MN, in 2023.

Sunita Staneslow grew up in Shoreview and her parents have been members of Unity Church for over 50 years. Sunita is a graduate of Kellogg High School, Tufts University, and the Manhattan School of Music. She moved with her husband and two kids to Israel in the year 2000. Every summer she returned to the U.S. to teach and perform at harp festivals across North America. Trained classically with a passion for traditional music, Sunita has dozens of recordings and books of harp arrangements to her credit. You can now find Sunita settling into her new life on Unst, the most northerly isle of Shetland. Sunita and her husband have purchased and are restoring a 17th century stone house www.hamars.uk. Sunita will have her recordings for sale after the service.

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