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Back Pay for Stolen Labor



Unity Church–Unitarian
Sunday, September 5, 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	Dane Smith
RINGING OF THE BELL	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Merrill Aldrich
LIGHTING THE CHALICE	
*OPENING HYMN (315)	This Old World (Ahmed)
*UNISON READING (560)	"Commitment" by Dorothy Day (Dane)
SILENCE	
EMBRACING MEDITATION	Rev. KP Hong
MINISTER'S PRAYER	(KP)
*SUNG RESPONSE (125)	From the Crush of Wealth and Power (Ahmed)
STORY FOR ALL AGES	(KP)
INTERLUDE	(Ahmed)
OFFERING	(Merrill)
OFFERING MUSIC	(Ahmed)
READINGS	"Reparation" by Joshua Bennett (Merrill) From <i>The Case for Reparations</i> by Ta-nehisi Coates (Dane) "This is Not a Small Voice" by Sonia Sanchez (Merrill)
SERMON	Back Pay for Stolen Labor (Dane)
*CLOSING HYMN (1014)	Standing on the Side of Love (Ahmed)
*BENEDICTION	(Dane)
POSTLUDE	(Ahmed)

This week's offering recipient, Altrusa International of St. Paul, works for the well-being of families here in St. Paul and all around the world. Their primary focus is childhood literacy and adult education. This collection will provide food security and housing assistance for families involved in workforce training. Unity Church member Mary Anderson is a volunteer with Altrusa International. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

Worship leader Dane Smith has been involved with the Unity Church community for almost 30 years and recently retired after a career in journalism and public policy leadership. He was a political reporter for the Star Tribune and Pioneer Press spanning more than three decades and from 2007 to 2017 was President of Growth & Justice, a policy research organization that advocates for racial equality and an inclusive economy for Minnesota. Dane currently is a Senior Fellow and President Emeritus of Growth & Justice and remains active in human rights and climate action causes.

Worship associate Merrill Aldrich lives with his wife Denise, sons Will and Robbie, and cats Alfred and Persephone in the Summit Hill neighborhood of St. Paul. Denise grew up in Hawaii, and Merrill in Massachusetts, and they met in the middle in Houston, Texas. They have been attending Unity Church for about five years. Weekdays Merrill is a data analytics consultant, an avid fan of sports cars and sports car racing, and trying to make some small difference.