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And to Think I Heard it on Berry Street



Unity Church—Unitarian
Sunday, September 18, 2022

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

[Livestream](#) at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 18, 2022
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

There Will Be Rest
Frank Ticheli, lyrics by Sara Teasdale

Unity Singers

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.
I will make this world of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.
I shall find the crystal of peace — above me
Stars I shall find.

CALL TO WORSHIP & CHALICE LIGHTING Russel Balenger, Worship Associate

*OPENING HYMN #108 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* Laura Potratz, organ

*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION From the Executive Team Interpretation
of Unity's 2019-2023 Ends

Kathleen: The Beloved Community is inherently multicultural. It is a state of being
and becoming to which we aspire.

Congregation: *We begin this work with deep humility, acknowledging that we
need help navigating what, for us, is uncharted territory.*

Russel: *Authentic relationships begin when we root out our assumptions and
deepen through active curiosity and growing friendship.*

Congregation: We promise to stay engaged despite discomfort and inevitable failures.

Kathleen: *This work asks us to confront systems of oppression, build bridges
across difference, and embrace an ever-growing repertoire in worship and in every
dimension of our ministry.*

Congregation: Our congregational culture will be challenged and enriched.

SILENCE FOR A TIME

EMBRACING MEDITATION

MINISTER'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Road Home
Stephen Paulus, lyrics by Michael Dennis Browne

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

OFFERING & TESTIMONY

OFFERTORY

READING *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*
Dr. Seuss

SERMON *And to Think I Heard it on Berry Street*

*CLOSING HYMN *Draw the Circle Wide*
Gordon Light

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE