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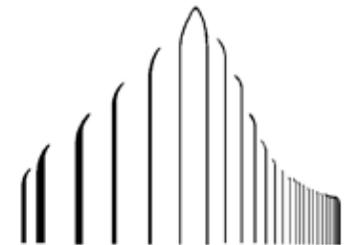
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# The Grace of Gratitude



Unity Church–Unitarian  
Sunday, November 22, 2020  
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	Mrs. Galvin's / Coleman's Cross / Bruckling's Crossing The Water is Wide in D – Two Tap Trio
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs
RINGING OF THE BELL	Barbara Hubbard
CALL TO WORSHIP	Richard Lau
LIGHTING THE CHALICE	(Richard)
*OPENING HYMN (67)	We Sing Now Together Ahmed Anzaldúa, organ; Shahzore Shah, voice
*RESPONSIVE READING (512)	We Give Thanks This Day (Janne, Richard)
SILENCE	
EMBRACING MEDITATION	(Janne)
MINISTER'S PRAYER	(Janne)
MUSICAL RESPONSE	Filled with Loving Kindness, Unity Pavilion Singers (video)
STORY FOR ALL AGES	Rev. KP Hong
INTERLUDE	(Ahmed)
OFFERING	
OFFERING MUSIC	Air Tune (comp. Liz Carroll), Road to the Isles / Gypsy Princess
READING	Hope Rises by Rebecca Parker and John Buehrens (Richard)
HOMILY	The Grace of Gratitude (Janne)
*CLOSING HYMN	Let All Things Now Living (Ahmed, Shahzore)

Let All things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, would be voicing our love and rejoicing  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

\*BENEDICTION

(Janne)

POSTLUDE Goodbye Waltz (Light in the Window), John Neville, Cork Ireland

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers today are given in gratitude for new friends at Unity Church, including the Women in Retirement, Men's Retirement Circle, and Men's Conversation Group, by Lisa Wersal and Louis Asher.

### Offering Recipient

FreeWriters teaches Hennepin County jail inmates, and hopefully soon Ramsey County jail inmates, free writing exercises (i.e., spontaneous, nonstop, unedited writing) which they then share aloud. County jails, unlike prisons, lack instructor-led programs to stimulate inmate minds, release tension, and teach healthy self-expression and literacy skills. This collection will help provide former inmate-student-teacher stipends. Unity Church member Stu Alger is an advocate for FreeWriters. Make a donation online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

### Worship Team

Richard Lau is originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, but decided 23 years ago that he wanted to experience -50 wind chills and never left. He now lives in Woodbury with his wife Heather, their two daughters, two dogs, and two cats. When not cooking, eating, talking about cooking or eating, teaching religious education, or being part of Unity's Multicultural Conversation Partners Group, Rich is a real estate attorney in private practice.

Two-time Live Ireland Awards "Best Vocalist of the Year" (and fantastic flute player) Norah Rendell, fiddler Mary Vanorny and guitarist Brian Miller are the Two Tap Trio. Formed in 2007 and based in the Twin Cities, the Two Tap Trio mixes driving fiddle and flute duets with Norah's singing, underpinned by intricate guitar and bouzouki backing.

The women of Unity Singers (Mary, Mary, Marg, Estelle, Ellen, Karyn, Angela, Cathy, Lorelee, and Beth), like choral singers everywhere, have been bereft at the loss of ensemble singing during the pandemic. So, they decided to meet outside, masked and distanced in a spacious picnic shelter, and the "Pavilion Singers" came to be. Every Saturday since mid-summer they have met to sing for the pleasure and necessity of it. Many thanks to Jane Crosby-Schmidt for recording and producing the videos.

Shahzore Shah, tenor, has been a member of the singing staff at Unity Church since 2015. He performs regularly with Border CrosSing, teaches vocal music at the Friends School of MN and teaches for Music Together.