

MUSIC AND THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

See insert: from Deuteronomy 15, Luke 12,
Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, & the Gettysburg Address

PRELUDE

Mystic Trumpeter

by Jen Logan & Frank Ierna, text by Walt Whitman

GREETINGS

SOUNDING OF TEMPLE BOWL

INVOCATION

The Covenant of the UU Congregations

*** HYMN #126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit of this church and service its law.
This is our great covenant – to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

ANTHEM

Roots and Leaves

by Ralph Williams, text by Walt Whitman

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

What's Fair?

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

WORDS FOR MEDITATION #474

Unto the Church Universal

QUIET MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

SHARING JOYS, SORROWS, AND CONCERNS

READING #592

I Call That Mind Free, Wm E. Channing

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo Op. 117, No 1, by J. Brahms

READING #586

The Idea of Democracy, Abraham Lincoln

*** HYMN 134**

Our World Is One World

SERMON

UTILITARIAN UNIVERSALISM AND DEMOCRACY
(A Sermon on the One True Church)

***HYMN #123**

Spirit of Life

BENEDICTION

CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.
These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

POSTLUDE

Prelude Op.32, No. 12, by Rachmaninov

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

“If only you obey this commandment, there will be no poor among you:
do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward the needy;
open your hand to meet the need, whatever it may be.
Give liberally and be ungrudging,
so the Being of beings will bless you in all you do.
And since there will always be some poor among you,
always keep your hand and heart open.” *(from Deuteronomy 15)*

“When you see a cloud rising in the west,
you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens.
And when you see the south wind blowing,
you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens.
You know how to interpret the appearance of earth & sky,
but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?
And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?” *(Luke 12: 54-57)*

“We the People of the United States,
in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility,
provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare,
and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,
do ordain and establish this Constitution
for the United States of America. *(Preamble, U.S. Constitution)*

“We here highly resolve ... that this nation, under God,
shall have a new birth of freedom —
and that government of the people, by the people, for the people,
shall not perish from the earth.” *(Gettysburg Address)*