

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

*We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person...
and respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.*

– Covenant of the UUA

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SOUNDING OF THE TEMPLE BOWL

PRELUDE

La fille avec cheveux de lin Claude Debussy

CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT

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

*HYMN #126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

INVOCATION

adapted from *Remember, Part I* by Joy Harjo
Reading #683 *Our Religion* by Theodore Parker (unison)

SHARING JOYS, SORROWS, AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

adapted from *Remember, Part II* by Joy Harjo

ANTHEM

Seasons by Sharon Scholl

Earth, teach us now the end of things, folding bright leaves to fertile loam,
sheathing bare trees in robes of frost, snowing the land 'til all is lost,
forgotten in a blessed sleep.

Teach us to fold our falt'ring ways into the grace of tenderness, forgiving all our
past regrets, rejoicing that our loves are yet the frame and fruiting of our days.

Earth, teach us time born ever new as seasons turn from frost to sun.
The year fans out all bright and blue with spring to come with work to do
until another year is done.

READING

David's Cause from 1st Samuel Ch. 17

*HYMN #123

Spirit of Life

READING

Legacies by Nikki Giovanni

SERMON

DOES EVERYTHING HAPPEN FOR A REASON?

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo in A, op 118, no. 2 Johannes Brahms

*HYMN #288

All Are Architects of Fate

*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.

CLOSING

adapted from *Remember, Part III* by Joy Harjo

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.

Speaker: Rev. Jack Donovan Liturgist: Sarah Craig
Guest Pianist: David Stech Anthem: UUSP Choir
Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt Greeters: Dave Coale & team
Flowers: Julie and Toby Newcomb in honor of Julie's sister Pam