

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

In the beginning, God made light of the world. - Rabbinic retelling
I dwell in possibility & spread wide my hands to gather paradise. - Emily Dickinson
We affirm and promote the worth and dignity of every person. - UUA Covenant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Are...

by Ysaye Barnwell

* GREETINGS AND TEMPLE BELL

*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.

* HYMN #354 (verses 1,2,4)

We Laugh, We Cry

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION #576

Litany of Restoration

ANTHEM

Have You Ever Stopped to Wonder?

by Jerry Way

GROWING QUESTIONS GROWING ANSWERS

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

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

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Presenting Our Second Heroic Guest –
Karen Coale, Social Justice Committee

MEDITATION

You Are the Light

adapted from the Gospel of John 1 and Matthew 5

READING

from Steps to a Compassionate Life
by Karen Armstrong

*HYMN 1061

Each Night a Child Is Born

READING

Born Anew

adapted from the Gospel of John, chapter 3

SERMON

WERE YOUR PARENTS RIGHT?

And What to Do About Their Birthing of Your Light

SHARE THE PLATE OFFERING

Symphony from Messiah
by George Friderich Handel

BENEDICTION

*HYMN #331

Life Is the Greatest Gift

*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

Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted
from Messiah by G. F. Handel

HOLIDAY TEA

Thanks to Sue Price and team

* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.

Worship Leader: Rev. Jack Donovan

Music Director: Jon Arterton

Greeters: Julie & Toby Newcomb & team

Flowers: Paul & Susan Burnore in gratitude for the friendships UUSP fosters.

Worship Associate: Sarah Craig

Accompanist: Teresa Ancaya

Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt