



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Praise

Service Leaders:
Angelo Geter, Guest Speaker
Kelly Greene and Rebekah Visco, Lay Service Leaders
John Herrick, Director of Music

Let amens trickle down your cheek.
Make hallelujahs
in the luggage under your eyes,
and breathe like being alive
is the sweetest melody you could ever sing.

From "Cry Yourself a Freedom Song" by Angelo Geter

Order of Service

Opening Music

A Taste of Bass

by Valerie Capers
John Herrick, piano
Katie Kilroy, percussion

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Rebekah Visco, Lay Service Leader
Kelly Greene, Director of Member Relations

*Opening Song

Hush [Teal 1040]

African American Spiritual

*Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?*

Sounds like freedom, somebody's callin' my name...

Sounds like justice, somebody's callin' my name...

*Chalice Lighting

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***Chorus**

For All that is Our Life [Grey 128]

words by Bruce Findlow
music by Patrick L. Rickey

*For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.*

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Poem

“Cry Yourself A Freedom Song” by Angelo Geter

Musical Interlude

Billie's Song

by Valerie Capers
John Herrick, piano
Katie Kilroy, percussion

Poem

“Wonder Woman”

by Angelo Geter

***Congregational Song**

We Are...

by Ysaye M. Barnwell

Choir: *For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.*

All: *For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.*

Choir: *We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.*

All: *For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are. (2x)*

Choir: *We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great
visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.*

All: *For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are. (2x)*

Reflection

Musical Offering *Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington
Sheila Lay, soloist
John Herrick, director
Kaarin Record, collaborative pianist

Welcome

Concerns of the Congregation

Meditation by Alice Anacheke-Nasemann

Offering Words

Offering Music

Twilight World

by Marian McParland
John Herrick, piano
Katie Kilroy, percussion

During the playing of the Offering Music, we invite anyone to light a candle of celebration, concern or remembrance.

***Closing Song**

There's a River Flowing' in My Soul

[teal 1007]

by Rose Sanders

*There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.*

There's a river flowin' in my heart...

There's a river flowin' in my mind...

Poem

"Praise"

by Angelo Geter

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

Closing Words

Closing Music

St. Louis Blues

by W.C. Handy
arr. by Jonny May
John Herrick, piano
Katie Kilroy, percussion

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- **Today, February 12, after the service in Freeman Hall UCC youth will host a brunch fundraiser in support of their bi-annual heritage trip to Boston.**
- **Join Rev. Amy Brooks Paradise in the Bernstein Room following today's service for an overview of GreenFaith and how you can help GreenFaith develop a coalition of Charlotte area Houses of Faith working for climate and environmental justice. And don't worry, the Middle and High School Pancake Breakfast will be served until noon – so there will be time after the meeting to eat.**
- **The Interim Transition Team is hosting a series of small group discussions to hear from the congregation about your priorities and vision as we begin the work to find our next settled minister. Details are available on the Interim Ministry page on the UCC website.**
- **Are you new here? After service on March 19, join us for New to UCC to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation while getting to know others who are new.**



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