



**Unitarian Universalist
Community of Charlotte**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Becoming Whole Together

Service Leaders:

Rev. Kayla Parker, Guest Preacher
Shelagh Gallagher, Lay Service Leader
John Herrick, Director of Music

We are different so that we can know our need of one another, for no one is ultimately self-sufficient. The completely self-sufficient person would be subhuman.

Desmond Tutu

Chalice Lighting

Shelagh Gallagher, Lay Service Leader

Chorus

Gather the Spirit, v. 3 [Gray #347]

by Jim Scott

*Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

Time for All Ages

Being the Web

Song

Reeb Children's Benediction

by Ian W. Riddell

*Go in love, our hearts go with you.
Go in joy, our hopes go too
Learn in love and grow in wisdom.
Shine your light in all you do.*

Reading

A Charm for Hope: A String

by Rev. Theresa Ninán Soto

Congregational Song

We Laugh, We Cry, verses 1 and 4
[Gray #354] by Shelley Jackson Denham

*We laugh, we cry, we live, we die;
we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here
to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom
just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends
we can call our very own.*

*And we believe in life,
and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give,
we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.*

*We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here,
to make sense of what we find.*

*And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.*

Sermon

“Becoming Whole Together”

Musical Offering *Bread and Roses*

words by James Oppenheim, arr. by Kimberly Donley
Adult Choir, John Herrick, director
Kaarin Record, collaborative pianist

Welcome

Concerns of the Congregation

Sung Response *There Is a Love*

words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker
music by Elizabeth Norton

*There is a Love holding me.
There is a Love holding all that I love.
There is a Love holding all.
I rest in this Love.*

*There is a Love holding us.
There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is Love holding all.
We rest in this Love.*

Offering Words

Offering Music

“Adagio” from *Concerto No. 3 in D minor*
by J. S. Bach
John Herrick, piano

Meditation

Closing Song

We Would Be One [Gray #318]
words by Samuel Anthony Wright
music by Jean Sibelius

*We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.*

*We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.*

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- Please join us for coffee and conversation in Freeman Hall immediately following the service. Contact Kelly Greene if you would like to volunteer as a coffee server.
- 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 UUCC website.
- On Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m., join Rev. Lisa and Kelly Greene in the second of four Zoom sessions focused on the book, *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin. We will discuss the urgent need for multiculturalism and antiracism work in our congregations and how it relates to our experience at UUCC.
- The Middle School Youth Group meets March 10 at 6:30 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited. This month's activity is bowling.
- Next Sunday, March 12 bring your appetite and join us after service for a Pancake Breakfast, prepared and served by our Middle & High School youth! Suggested donation: \$7/adults and \$5/kids. Cash/Venmo accepted. All proceeds will support our next Coming of Age program in 2023-24. Gluten-free options available.
- Are you new here? After service on March 19, join us for New to UUCC to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation while getting to know others who are new.



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