



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, January 21, 2024

New Beginnings, New Intentions

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Paula Gribble, DLRE

John Herrick, Director of Music

“When night falls and the sky goes dark, humans become drowsy and begin to cocoon themselves in soft, fluffy bedding.”

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Opening Chime

John Herrick, Director of Music

Opening Song

Meditation on Breathing [Teal 1009]

by Sarah Dan Jones

*Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out,
When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.
When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.*

Chalice Lighting

Chalice Lighting for the New Year

by Lisa Doege

Song of Intention

Come, Come, Whoever You Are [Gray 188]

words by Rumi

music by Lynn Adair Ungar

*Come, come, whoever you are,
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.*

Reading

Adorable Humans

Musical Interlude

Rag Bag

by Margie Adams
John Herrick, piano

Concerns of the Congregation

Offering Words

Offering Music

New Beginnings

by William Joseph

Invitation to Connect

- Praying in Color/Mandala Making
Freeman Hall with Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper
- Sound Bath Experience
Sanctuary with Megan Hendler
- Choose Your Word of the Year
Schweitzer with Paula Gribble, DLRE
- Explore MLK Through Words
Bernstein with Kelly Greene

Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual
arr. by Clif Hardin

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- For the ongoing opportunities to discuss the changes to the UUA bylaws, known as “Article II,” join our session following the service today on January 21 at 11:30 in the Bernstein Room. We hope many of you will join us! This session will be centered around the other parts of Article II: Purpose, Inspirations, Inclusion, and Freedom of Belief.
- Are you following along for our Sunday Schedule online? Easily access information about and links to our Sunday programming for children, youth, and adults, including classes, our Sunday service, and social opportunities in *Currents*.
- Director of Lifespan Religious Education Paula Gribble will present her credo during Credo, a Personal Spiritual Journey on January 28 at 11:30 a.m. in person in the Bernstein Room and via Zoom!
- Join Paula Gribble either in person 2/17 or on zoom 2/15 and 2/22 for a look at the etymology (word origins), history, and culture of religious words including faith, religion, grace, spirituality, prayer, worship, and more.
- In December, Director of Lifespan Religious Education Paula Gribble introduced a new friend to the congregation, Jenson JETPIG (they/them). They were invited to join us to help us learn about the proposed values in Article II of the UUA Bylaws. Check out more about JETPIG on our Currents Newsletter.
- JOIN US for a magical evening with the music duo Four Shillings Short! Saturday February 17, 7-9 p.m. Aodh Og O’Tuama and Christy Martin perform traditional music from around the world, along with original compositions. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, children free.



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Welcome visitors! We're glad you found us and hope you will spend some time getting to know us better. If you want to learn more about the UUCC, please visit our website and/or email Director of Member Relations Kelly Greene.

We are delighted to be building a truly multigenerational community, and we know this is a new experience for many. Please be considerate of others in the Sanctuary. If your child needs a break but you wish to still hear the service, you are invited to visit our alternative worship space in the Bernstein Room. Additionally, childcare is always available in the nursery during shared worship times. If your child isn't able to be in the service for long, please keep trying as they grow! It is a blessing to have them here

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