



Unitarian Universalist  
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, February 11, 2024

# The End and the Beginning

Service Leaders:  
Senior Youth and Advisors  
John Herrick, Director of Music

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You  
can steer yourself any direction you choose.

by Dr. Seuss

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

### Opening Music

*Turn! Turn! Turn!*

by Pete Seeger  
arr. by David Lanz  
John Herrick, piano

### Call to Worship

Connor Stout

### Opening Song

*Building a New Way* [Teal 1017]

by Martha Sandefer

*We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way,  
feeling stronger ev'ry day,  
We are building a new way.*

*We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free,  
hate and greed and jealousy.  
We are working to be free.*

*We can feed our every need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need,  
Start with love, that is the seed.  
We can feed our every need.*

*Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry,  
Without these this world will die.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.*

## Chalice Lighting

## Chorus

*Spirit of Life* [Gray 123]

by Carolyn McDade

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

## Reading

“Oh the Places You’ll Go”

by Dr. Suess  
Jacob Whitfield

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music Offering

*Goodbye*

by Gordon Jenkins  
Dylan Lauderbaugh, soloist  
Dave Lauderbaugh, guitar

Reflection

*End and Beginning of Earth*

Claire Yount

Musical Offering

*Object Impermanence*

by Clove Johnson

Reflection

Juni LoPresti-Dekok

Congregational Song *Morning Has Broken*

*words by Eleanor Farjeon  
Gaelic Melody*

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

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*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

**Reflection**

Dylan Lauderbaugh

**Offering Words**

Kathryn Whitfield, H.S. Youth Advisor

**Offering Music**

*Reflection*

by George Winston

**Concerns of the Congregation**

Peter Greene

**Meditation**

## Closing Song

*Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da (Life Goes On)*  
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

*Desmond has a barrow in the marketplace  
Molly is the singer in a band  
Desmond says to Molly, "Girl, I like your face"  
And Molly says this as she takes him by the hand*

*Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on  
Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on*

*Desmond takes a trolley to the jeweler's store  
Buys a 20 carat golden ring  
Takes it back to Molly waiting at the door  
And as he gives it to her, she begins to sing*

*Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on  
Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on*

*In a couple of years  
They have built a home, sweet home  
With a couple of kids running in the yard  
Of Desmond and Molly Jones  
Happy ever after in the market place*

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*Desmond lets the children lend a hand  
Molly stays at home and does her pretty face  
And in the evening, she still sings it with the band*

*Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on  
Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on*

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They have built a home, sweet home  
With a couple of kids running in the yard  
Of Desmond and Molly Jones  
Happy ever after in the market place  
Molly lets the children lend a hand  
Desmond stays at home and does his pretty face  
And in the evening, she's a singer with the band*

*Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on  
Ob-la-di, ob-la-da  
Life goes on, brah  
La, la, how the life goes on*

*And if you want some fun  
Take Ob-la-di-bla-da.*

## **Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Ally Whitfield and Ingrid Yount**

## Closing Music

## *Yesterday*

by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Additional thanks to Ben Sliger, Jacob Whitfield as Ushers, and Ingrid Yount for artwork

### Announcements, Events, and Programming

- 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*.
- 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. Register on *Currents*.
- 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.
- Open Door School's biggest scholarship fundraiser, the Silent Auction, is back in person this year on Saturday, April 20, from 5 - 8 p.m!
- Working with the UUCU staff and Board of Trustees, the Minister Search Team has announced that the eight days from April 28 to May 5, 2024, will be Candidating Week, the time when the Search Team introduces the minister candidate to our UU Community. The week will culminate with the **Sunday service on May 5**, followed by a special congregational meeting to vote on the official call to ministry.



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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 UUC, 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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