

Sunday, March 10, 2024

# Service as a Spiritual Practice

Service Leaders: Kathleen Carpenter, Michael Amy Rodriguez Cira, Craig Miller, Shannon Maples, Kurt Merkle, Laurie Reed Lay Service Leaders Handbell Choir John Herrick, Director of Music

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore

## Order of Service Welcome and Announcements Laurie Reed, Lay Service Leader

**Opening Music** 

Carillon

by Théodore Dubois arr. by Albert Zabel Handbell Ensemble John Herrick, director

Call to Worship

Michael Amy Rodriguez Cira, Lay Service Leader

**Opening Song** 

With Heart and Mind [Gray 300] words by Alicia S. Carpenter music by Johann Hermann Schein

With heart and mind and voice and hand may we this time and place transcend to make our purpose understood: a mortal search for mortal good, a firm commitment to the goal of justice, freedom, peace for all.

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

A mind that's free to seek the truth; a mind that's free in age and youth to choose a path no threat impedes, wherever light of conscience leads. Our martyrs died so we could be a church where every mind is free.

A heart that's kind, a heart whose search makes Love the spirit of our church, where we can grow, and each one's gift is sanctified, and spirits lift, where every door is open wide for all who choose to step inside.

Chalice Lighting Chalice Lighting for Businessy Meetings by Li Kynvi

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

Kathleen Carpenter, Lay Service Leader

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Musical Interlude	River Flows in You	by Yiruma
Reflection	Shannon Maples, La	ay Service Leader
Reflection	Craig Miller, La	y Service Leader
Musical Offering	<i>Reach Out and Touch</i> by Nickolas Ashford and Jen	l Valerie Simpson n McLeod, soloist
Reflection Micl	hael Amy Rodriguez Cira, La	ay Service Leader
Reflection	Kurt Merkle, La	ay Service Leader
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Congregational Song For All That is Our Life [Gray 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.

For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

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.

Offering	Words
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Offertory

Simple Gifts

Shaker Melody arr. by Susan E. Geschke

Concerns of the Congregation

### **Closing 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.

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice** 

**Closing Music** 

Celebration

by Arnold B. Sherman

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### Announcements, Events, and Programming

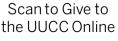
- How to Have Difficult Conversations class is today after service. Come to the Bernstein Room from 11:30 to 2:30 today, March 10, to learn how to make difficult conversations more effective and less painful.
- New to UUCC Family-Friendly Edition! Downstairs in the Conference Room, after service on March 17, we invite newcomers to join us as we share the many ways for adults, children and youth to get engaged in our congregation. Childcare will be available.
- Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know. March 11, March 25 and April 15 on Zoom, join Kelly Greene and Dave Warren for a discussion of the critical art of rethinking: learning to question your opinions and open other people's minds, which can position you for excellence at work and wisdom in life.
- Please join us to continue with our new Men's Potluck tradition on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Freeman Hall. As always this will be open to men and masculine-identifying, nonbinary, and LGBTQ+ peoples.
- The Board of Trustees (BOT) is proposing several amendments to our Bylaws, with a particular focus on sections related to voting. The BOT will hold a special congregational meeting for this vote on Sunday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Read our Currents Newsletter

Save the date for Open Door School's biggest scholarship fundraiser, the Silent Auction. It's back in person this year on Saturday, April 20, from 6 – 8 p.m!

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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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