



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, March 24, 2024

We Promise Each Other

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister
Kelly Greene, Director of Member Relations
John Herrick, Director of Music

Together we are more than any one person could be. Together we can build across the generations. Together we can renew our hope and faith in the life that is yet to unfold. Together we can heed the call to a ministry of care and justice. We are ever bound in community. May it always be so.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Opening Music

Connected

by Brian Tate

Adult Choir

John Herrick, director

Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Call to Worship

by Ed Proulx

*Opening Song

Now Let Us Sing [Gray 368]

*Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the hope within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the hope within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the hope within.
Sing to the power of the hope within.*

*Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the love within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the love within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the love within.
Sing to the power of the love within.*

*Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the joy within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Sing to the power of the joy within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the joy within.
Sing to the power of the joy within.*

***Chalice Lighting** Let the Chalice Connect Us
by Catherine Callahan

***Chorus**

Gather the Spirit, v. 1 [Gray 347]

by Jim Scott

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

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

Meditation on Attention

by Nancy Reid-Mckee

Musical Interlude

Coming Home

by Doug Hammer
John Herrick, piano

Reflection

Congregational Song *From You I Receive* (seated) [Gray 402]
by Joseph and Nathan Segal

*From you I receive,
To you I give,
Together we share,
And from this we live.*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Affirming Our Covenant

Kelly Greene, Director of Member Relations

Musical Offering

In This Very Room

by Ron and Carol Harris

Offering Words

Offering Music

Promise

by Brian Crane

Concerns of the Congregation

Reading

We Build on Foundations We Did Not Lay

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

adapted by Rev. Peter S. Raible

***Closing Song**

Blue Boat Home [Teal 1064]

words by Peter Mayer

music by Roland Hugh Prichard

*Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean
I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.*

*Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens
in our beautiful blue boat home.*

*I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.*

*Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

We Are One

by Brian Tate

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- **TODAY 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.**
- **Join Rev. Fred Small on April 7 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. for a reading and signing of his book Everything Possible.** “A joyful inclusive lullaby about love, acceptance, and following your heart...” transformed into an updated picture book.
- **Open Door School's biggest scholarship fundraiser, the Silent Auction,** is back in person this year on **Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m!**
- **Adult Programming and Adult Religious Education and Spiritual Development (ARESD) is popping!** We have different classes and workshops available that offer ways to engage in discussion, grow and learn, and connect with others in healthy ways. Check out these upcoming classes: **"Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know"** and **"What About All These Pronouns?"** Check *Currents* to sign up.
- **Coming on April 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. is our first collaborative, multi-site, justice-making event Beyond the Binary** happening throughout the Southern Region! Join us for a day of creating community with transgender, nonbinary folx, and our allies.



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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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