



**Unitarian Universalist  
Community of Charlotte**

Sunday, May 5, 2024

# **Wings Set Me Free**

Service Leaders:

Rev. Amanda Weatherspoon, Settled Minister Candidate  
Paula Gribble, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
Barry Ahrendt and Kathryn Whitfield, Lay Service Leaders  
John Herrick, Director of Music

We are the ones we have been waiting for...

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Barry Ahrendt, Lay Service Leader

### Opening Music

*Yonder Come Day* by Judith Cook Tucker  
based on a Georgia Sea Islands Song  
arr. by Clif Hardin  
Adult Choir  
John Herrick, director  
Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

### Call to Worship

Rev. Amanda Weatherspoon, Settled Minister Candidate

### \*Opening Song

*Morning Has Come* [Teal 1000]  
by Jason Shelton

*Morning has come, arise and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

*A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.  
Wonder fills this moment shared together.  
The light of peace here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

*Open our eyes to see that life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it among us.  
The light of love here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

**\*Chalice Lighting**

by Paul Bicknell  
Paula Gribble, DLRE

**\*Chorus**

*Come, Come, Whoever You Are* [Gray 188]  
words adapted from Rumi  
music by Lyn Adair Ungar

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

**Musical Offering**

*Grow, Little Tree*

by Andrea Ramsey  
Children's Choir  
Soprano and Alto Ensemble

**Time For All Ages**

*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

“We Are the Ones”

attributed to Hopi Elder

\*Congregational Song *Building a New Way* [Teal 1017]

v. 1, 2, 4, 1

*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.*

*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.*

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\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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

**Sermon**

“Wings Set Me Free”

**Musical Offering**

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Quaker Hymn  
arr. by Gwyneth Walker

**Reflection**

Kathryn Whitfield, Lay Service Leader

**Offering Words**

**Offering Music**

*Spring's Return*

by Jeanne Costello  
Tessa Williams, piano

**Concerns of the Congregation**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

# Meditation

## Message from the Minister Search Team

### \*Closing Song

*Siyahamba* [Teal 1030]

South African Song

*We are singing in the light of love,  
we are singing in the light of love.  
We are singing in the light of love,  
we are singing in the light of love.  
We are singing, singing, we are singing, oo-oo,  
we are singing in the light of love.  
We are singing, singing, we are singing, oo-oo,  
we are singing in the light of love.*

*We are loving in the light of love,  
We are loving in the light of live.  
We are loving in the light of love,  
We are loving, loving, we are loving, oo-oo,  
We are loving in the light of love.  
We are loving, loving, we are loving, oo-oo,  
We are loving in the light of love.*

*We are dancing in the light of love,  
We are dancing in the light of love.  
We are dancing in the light of love,  
We are dancing in the light of love.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing oo-oo,  
We are dancing in the light of love.  
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing oo-oo,  
We are dancing in the light of love.*

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

Elizabeth Selle Jones

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of  
commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we  
are together again.*

**Closing Music**

*Lift Up Your Voice!*

by Brian Tate  
Adult Choir  
Sheila Lay, soloist

## Announcements, Events, and Programming

- After service today, May 5 at 11:30 a.m., there will be a Special Congregational Meeting during which members will have the opportunity to vote to call Reverend Amanda Weatherspoon as our full-time settled minister. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and streamed live. For members unavailable during the meeting, we have made provisions for absentee voting.
- 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.
- Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Freeman Hall - Movie watch party on **Stamped From the Beginning**. We will watch the movie, and then have some time for discussion.
- Sunday, May 19, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm, Bernstein – UUCU Authors book talk on **Escaping Nature**. This book, written by Charles Pilkey and Fred Dobson (and others), centers around surviving and mitigating global climate change.
- Wednesdays, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 6:40 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Bernstein and Zoom join us for **Simply Pray**, an experiential class. In the book *Simply Pray*, Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom reveals the universal qualities of prayer and offers a way to incorporate this spiritual practice into your personal journey.
- The 63rd General Assembly will take place virtually Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024. "Love Unites, Stories Ignite" celebrates the profound impact of love as a binding force that transcends boundaries and fosters connections within our faith community and beyond.



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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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