

Order of Service
Sunday, January 24, 2021

Singing Centering #389 *Gathered Here*

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting adapted from the Upanishads

We light this chalice
to help us move from untruth to truth,
to help us move from ignorance to wisdom,
to help us move from animosity to love,
to help us move from bondage to freedom.
We rededicate ourselves before this light
to affirm and practice truth, wisdom, love, and freedom
today and the days to come.

Opening Hymn #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Time for All Ages *The Gem Story* from Dr. Rich Allen

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Joys and Sorrows

Offertory *Prelude in C Major* from the *Well-Tempered Clavier*, Book 1 by J.S. Bach

Reading Isaiah 35:1-2, 6-8

Hymn #162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield* UU Virtual Choir

Sermon *Rivers in the Desert* the Rev. James Galasinski

Hymn #1007 *There's a River Flowin' In My Soul*

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish our chalice
but not the imagination to love,
to love ourselves and others
to love the hell out of our world
to makes friends of our enemies
to journey the desert of faith,
and experience the river of life that is before us.

Postlude *Kamarinskaya*, Album for the Young, op.39 by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

Many thanks to today's worship team: Zoom team – The Rev. James Galasinski, Cathy Crosby, Rajiv Narula, Ben Hunkins, Carol Zimmerman; Musicians – Betsy Kepes and the UU Virtual Choir led by Carol Strome

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