

Order of Service
Church of the Larger Fellowship
General Assembly 2010, Minneapolis

Ingathering Music –

(#188) Come, Come, Whoever You Are; wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair; come, yet again, come

Ostinato: “Though you’ve broken your vows a thousand times”

(#214) Shabbat, Shalom

Welcome – The Rev. Stefan Jonasson

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting –

Response – (#1009)“Meditation on Breathing” – by Sarah Dan Jones

When I breathe in, I’ll breathe in peace.

When I breathe out, I’ll breathe out love.

Responsive Reading – A Litany of Restoration, by Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley

If, recognizing the interdependence of all life, we strive to build community, the strength we gather will be our salvation. If you are black and I am white,

It will not matter.

If you are female and I am male,

It will not matter.

If you are older and I am younger,

It will not matter.

If you are progressive and I am conservative,

It will not matter.

If you are straight and I am gay,

It will not matter

If you are Christian and I am Jewish,

It will not matter.

If we join spirits as brothers and sisters, the pain of our aloneness will be lessened, and that does matter.

In this spirit, we build community and move toward restoration.

Musical Meditation

Homily – The Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, CLF Board of Directors

Anthem – “*Would You Harbor Me?*” by Ysaye M. Barnwell

Silence

Homily – The Rev. Gail Geisenhainer, CLF Board of Directors

Hymn* – (#1014)“Standing on the Side of Love” by Jason Shelton

The promise of the Spirit: faith, hope and love abide.

And so ev’ry soul is blessed and made whole;

The truth in our hearts is our guide.

(Refrain)

We are standing on the side of love:

Hands joined together as hearts beat as one.

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim

We are standing on the side of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound.

Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,

Denying the beauty we’ve found.

Refrain

A bright new day is dawning when love will not divide.

Reflections of grace in ev’ry embrace,

Fulfilling the vision divine.

Refrain

Benediction

Closing Hymn* – (#131)“Love Will Guide Us” – Music: Traditional, arr. By Betty A. Wylder, Words: Sally Rogers

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way

On the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands,

You can give from deep within you. You can change the world with your love.

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* Please rise in body or spirit

Thank you for joining us in this morning’s worship service.

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Many thanks to our musicians today:

Sarah Dan Jones, Director,
Allison Halerz, piano
Sharon Douglas, (UUA Credentialed Music Leader)
John Hubert
David Katz
Mary Neumann
Bea Ann Phillips

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Thanks go as well to our ushers (head usher, Linda Melski) and service participants.

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