Sunday Morning Worship

June 27, 2004



Unitarian Universalism: A Living Tradition

Unitarian Universalists are members of self-governing congregations in association with each other through the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our spiritual heritage, or our "living tradition" as we call it, is rooted in an approach to religion first articulated in North Africa in the third and forth centuries. Several religious movements deemed "heresy" in the Middle Ages also proclaimed much of what we say today. Our North American congregations, however, are most clearly grounded in the European Radical Reformation, era, especially in Poland, Ukraine and Hungarian-speaking areas of Eastern Europe. Closer to own time, our style and approach are both clearly founded in the Unitarian and Universalist movements in liberal Protestant congregations in the States dating from the Revolutionary War Era. The Transcendentalist movement in the 19th Century and the Humanist movement of the twenties and thirties of the last century greatly transformed the two liberal religious movements, which merged into our Association in 1963. In other parts of the world, there are other indigenous Unitarian and Universalist groups, with diverse non-European roots in India, Nigeria and the Philippines, for example. North American Unitarian Universalists are engaged in conversation with all of these groups.

Our religious heritage speaks of both reason and intuition as sources of our spiritual affirmations. Because of this, we are open to the spiritual insights of both men and women, as well as children; people of all cultures, colors and origins, of all sexual orientations, all classes and diverse abilities. Although clearly rooted in the structures of liberal Jewish and Christian traditions, we find deep wisdom in a variety of religious and humanistic traditions from around the world, and would not fence any spirit. Thus, rooted in a living tradition of liberty and justice, we claim personal freedom in religious practice and expression, as well as freedom to engage the world in order to leave a legacy of systemic justice for all people, and shared care for our common earth.

--- Mark Belletini

Service Leaders

The Reverend **Jory Agate**, Minister of Religious Education, First Parish in Cambridge, MA

The Reverend **Mark Belletini**, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Columbus, OH

The Reverend **Ken Brown**, UUA Pacific Southwest District Executive, Studio City, CA

The Reverend **Marta Valentin Chase**, Interim Team Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA

The Reverend **Victoria Safford**, Minister, White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, Mahtomedi, MN

The Reverend **Jason Shelton**, Community Minister and Director of Music, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashville, TN

The Reverend **William Sinkford**, President, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Boston, MA

Musicians

The **GA Chorale** is composed of members of the Unitarian Universalist Musicans Network (www.uua.org/uumn) from all across the continent, with additional singers from several area congregations. The Chorale is directed by Jason Shelton.

Wendy Bartel and drummers from First Unitarian Universalist Church, San Diego, CA

Ken Herman, Organist and Music Director, First Unitarian Universalist Church, San Diego, CA

Brian Kilgore, Percussionist and studio musician, Los Angeles, CA

Carlos Reynosa, Flautist and solo recording artist, Idyllwild, CA (www.carlosreynosa.com)

Susan Snyder, Pianist, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashville, TN

Order of Service

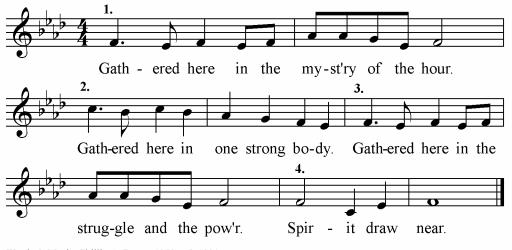
Morning Songs – a time for gathering the community in song and spirit. Please stand as you are able and join in singing with full voice and joyful heart.

This Little Light of Mine Trad. Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

> Ev'rywhere I go... Building up a world...

Gathered Here
4-part round



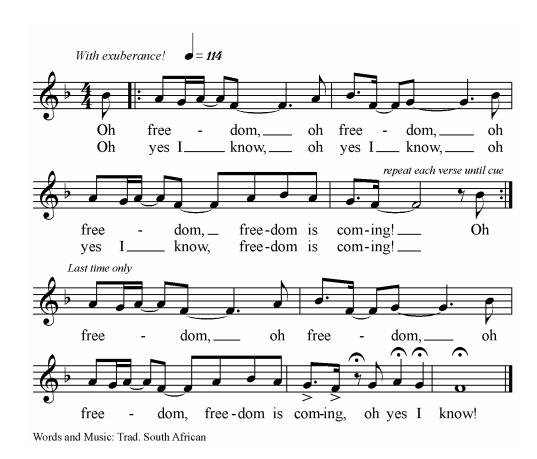
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Gather the Spirit



Closing Hymn

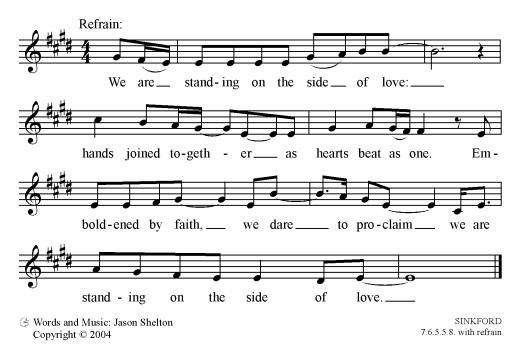
Freedom is Coming



Benediction Bill Sinkford

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Standing on the Side of Love Solo: Jason Shelton



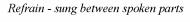
Offering to benefit the Long Beach Affordable Housing Program Ken Brown GA 2004's service project

Sicilienne Maria Theresia Von Paradis Ken Herman

Litany of Freedom

Free, We Are Free

Mark Belletini





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Welcome and Greeting

Jason Shelton

Hymn

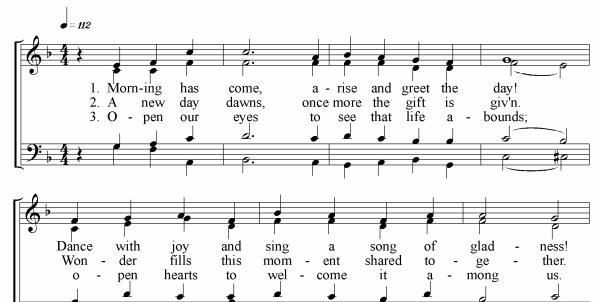
Sounding the Bell – and ancient Buddhist practice used in many of our congregations to call, focus, and center us for worship.

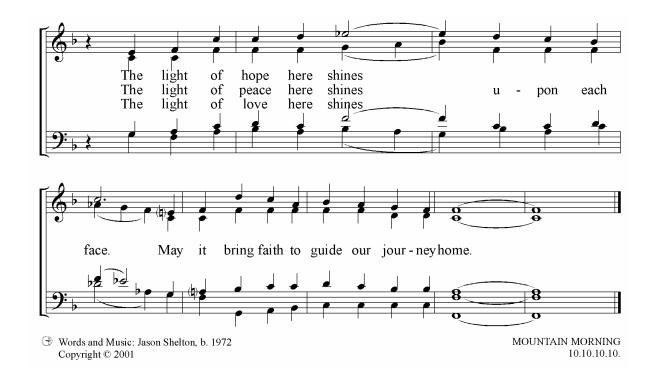
Prelude Passion Carlos Reynosa

Lighting the Chalice Victoria Safford

Hymn Morning Has Come

After the choral intro, please stand as you are able and join in singing.





Story for All Ages

What If Nobody Forgave?

k Barbara Marshman

Jory Agate & Friends

Song

There is More Love Somewhere

Trad. Spiritual

There is more love (peace, hope, joy) somewhere
There is more love somewhere
And I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it
There is more love somewhere

Prayer Victoria Safford

Anthem

Be Ours A Religion

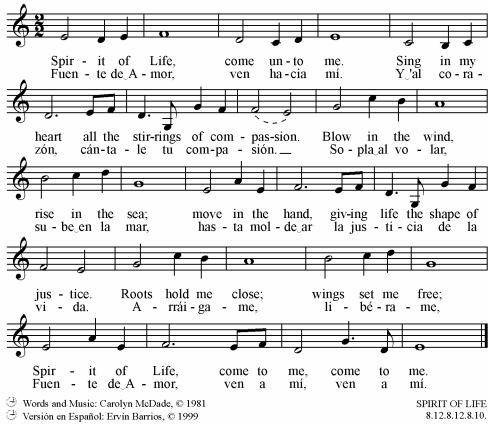
K Theodore Parker: Text; k Tom Benjamin: Music

GA Chorale

Wild Geese Mary Oliver Marta Valentin Chase

Hymn

Spirit of Life/Fuente de Amor



Readingfrom "Heretic's Faith"Bill Sinkfordk Fredric John MuirSermonA Work in ProgressBill Sinkford

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