

WEBVTT

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00:00:08.845 --> 00:00:10.225

No, it's up and going. They've done

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00:00:10.265 --> 00:00:11.265

A thing. Oh, okay. Good

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00:00:11.265 --> 00:00:14.105

morning. Woo.

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00:00:14.195 --> 00:00:16.705

Raise your hand if you were here yesterday. Woo.

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00:00:16.725 --> 00:00:19.345

You came back. You came back. Thank you.

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00:00:19.345 --> 00:00:21.585

Wait, raise your hand. Is anyone willing to say

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00:00:21.585 --> 00:00:22.825

that they were not here yesterday,

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00:00:22.825 --> 00:00:23.905

but they're giving today a try?

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00:00:24.165 --> 00:00:27.185

Oh, well, welcome. Uh, I'm the Reverend Erica Hewitt.

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00:00:27.325 --> 00:00:28.585

Are you she her pronouns.

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I am a middle-aged white cis woman, uh, with wavy brown hair

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00:00:33.825 --> 00:00:35.465

and a nose ring and glasses.

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00:00:36.125 --> 00:00:39.545

And it's cosplay Friday here at ga.

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00:00:40.165 --> 00:00:41.905

So I have a little serpent's crown.

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00:00:43.255 --> 00:00:43.745

Good morning.

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00:00:50.175 --> 00:00:52.755

Uh oh. Let me use this one. Good morning everyone.

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00:00:54.515 --> 00:00:57.875

I am the Reverend Byron Tyler Coles. I use the he pronouns.

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00:00:58.175 --> 00:01:00.595

I'm a member of your Congregational Life staff in the

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00:01:00.715 --> 00:01:04.315

southern region, and, uh, I am a light-skinned black person,

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00:01:04.585 --> 00:01:07.955

bald hair head, uh, short facial hair,

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00:01:08.595 --> 00:01:12.275

tortoise shell glasses, and a white jacket on

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00:01:12.275 --> 00:01:13.435

because it is cold in here.

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00:01:13.765 --> 00:01:17.395

Thank you all once more for joining us in our second

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00:01:17.535 --> 00:01:20.395

of three days for the wave, the Worship Wave cohort.

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00:01:21.845 --> 00:01:26.155

Thank you. We're gonna try this

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00:01:26.155 --> 00:01:28.715

with only one mic, although it would be nice to have two.

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00:01:29.175 --> 00:01:32.435

Uh, would you please welcome Dr. Baker Purdon here.

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00:01:33.135 --> 00:01:34.315

Dr. Baker Purdon.

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00:01:34.475 --> 00:01:35.835

I know you can't see me as well,

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00:01:35.855 --> 00:01:38.075

but we're just gonna sing here from the floor.

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00:01:38.455 --> 00:01:39.955

Dr. Baker Purdon is a member

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00:01:39.975 --> 00:01:42.155

of the Sing Out Love song selection team.

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00:01:42.245 --> 00:01:44.875

Sorry. Um, he is going to help me teach

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00:01:45.415 --> 00:01:48.075

you a song from our new hymnal.

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00:01:48.985 --> 00:01:50.955

Yeah. Woo woo.

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00:01:52.025 --> 00:01:53.995

This song is called Hold My Hope.

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00:01:54.175 --> 00:01:56.235

It is by an activist songwriter,

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00:01:56.555 --> 00:01:58.675

a musician named Anna Hernandez.

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00:01:59.705 --> 00:02:03.115

Anna and I both come from a singing tradition, uh,

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00:02:03.115 --> 00:02:07.795

called Paperless song, in which the point is

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00:02:07.895 --> 00:02:09.675
to be listening to one another

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00:02:09.815 --> 00:02:11.555
and in relationship with the song.

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00:02:11.975 --> 00:02:15.275
So we don't, we don't look at the notes,

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00:02:16.175 --> 00:02:17.435
we don't look at the words.

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00:02:18.135 --> 00:02:20.915
We get familiar and comfy with the song,

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00:02:21.415 --> 00:02:24.475
and the teaching is a part of singing it.

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00:02:24.805 --> 00:02:26.755
Thank you Shea, for what you're doing.

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00:02:28.015 --> 00:02:29.795
So, this song has multiple parts.

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00:02:30.455 --> 00:02:31.715
You get to choose whether

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00:02:32.215 --> 00:02:34.955
to join me on the more complicated melody

51
00:02:35.615 --> 00:02:38.675
or whether to join Baker on one of the two drones.

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00:02:38.925 --> 00:02:40.395
We'll each teach you a drone

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00:02:41.255 --> 00:02:42.955
and there's kind of like a floaty part,

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00:02:44.665 --> 00:02:45.885
and you can make up your own part.

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00:02:46.085 --> 00:02:48.725
'cause that's the way Ana wants it. Does that work?

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00:02:48.915 --> 00:02:50.005
Yeah. Sort of. Yeah.

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00:02:50.435 --> 00:02:52.885
Okay. Good. Hello. So what I'm going

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00:02:52.885 --> 00:02:55.085
to do is first teach the melody.

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00:02:55.935 --> 00:03:00.005
We're going to sing it a few times, and, and then we'll stop

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00:03:01.265 --> 00:03:03.845
and we'll teach you the drones so you can have like,

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00:03:03.905 --> 00:03:05.085
the easy access.

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00:03:05.785 --> 00:03:08.525
And then I'll sort of, we'll sort of add the parts back in.

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00:03:11.045 --> 00:03:15.405
I Are you asking me to Who? Thank you.

64
00:03:15.405 --> 00:03:17.805
Where am I supposed to stand over there. Okay.

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00:03:17.875 --> 00:03:21.285
Between the, thank you both. Thank you.

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00:03:23.735 --> 00:03:27.685
Thank you. Everyone do, do, do. Oh, here. We're okay. Okay.

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00:03:28.015 --> 00:03:31.365
Thank you. It's very hard for me to hold still.

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00:03:31.745 --> 00:03:34.085
So let me do the words first.

69
00:03:35.795 --> 00:03:37.245
Hold my hope.

70
00:03:38.315 --> 00:03:42.485
Hold my hope. Hold my trembling.

71
00:03:43.515 --> 00:03:45.165
Hold my trembling.

72
00:03:45.755 --> 00:03:47.725
Hold my heart.

73
00:03:48.095 --> 00:03:52.165
Teach me to be love. Hold.

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00:03:52.165 --> 00:03:54.645
Hold my heart. Teach

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00:03:54.645 --> 00:03:55.645
Me. Teach me to

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00:03:55.645 --> 00:03:56.845
be loved.

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00:03:56.855 --> 00:04:00.885
Loved. So I'm going to say the words all together,

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00:04:00.945 --> 00:04:02.725
and I'd like you to say the words all together.

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00:04:02.725 --> 00:04:05.765
But I'm doing that to sort of do an auditory map.

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00:04:06.105 --> 00:04:09.525
So I'll say them first, then you repeat. Hold my hope.

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00:04:10.675 --> 00:04:12.925
Hold, Wait. I'm going to do it all.

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00:04:13.155 --> 00:04:14.885
This is part of the teaching is

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00:04:14.945 --> 00:04:17.965
to let the whole thing appear before us.

84
00:04:18.505 --> 00:04:22.725
And then we go back and do it together. Hold my hope.

85
00:04:23.875 --> 00:04:28.205
Hold my trembling. Hold my heart.

86
00:04:28.535 --> 00:04:32.605
Teach me to be love. Let's do that. Hold.

87
00:04:32.635 --> 00:04:36.765
Hold my hope. Hold my, hold My re trembling. Trembling.

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00:04:37.595 --> 00:04:39.605
Hold My heart. Teach

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00:04:39.735 --> 00:04:41.845
Teach me to be Love.

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00:04:42.235 --> 00:04:43.845
Okay. So I'm going

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00:04:43.845 --> 00:04:47.325
to sing all four lines together all at once.

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00:04:47.385 --> 00:04:49.525
And then I'll invite you to sing.

93
00:04:49.705 --> 00:04:52.045
So I'm gonna, this is not about me performing

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00:04:52.245 --> 00:04:54.525
'cause I'm gonna make, uh, have a scratchy voice.

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00:04:54.585 --> 00:04:56.965
But this is just about you hearing the layout.

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00:04:59.035 --> 00:05:03.685
Hold my hold, hold

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00:05:04.465 --> 00:05:08.165
my tling, hold

98
00:05:09.385 --> 00:05:10.485
my heart.

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00:05:10.815 --> 00:05:14.365
Teach me to be he love.

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00:05:16.415 --> 00:05:18.645
Let's try that together and we'll sing it a few times.

101
00:05:19.075 --> 00:05:20.075
Okay.

102
00:05:20.555 --> 00:05:24.365
Hold my, my hold my trembling.

103
00:05:25.115 --> 00:05:29.805
Hold my, my trembling heart.

104
00:05:30.795 --> 00:05:33.205
Hold my heart.

105
00:05:33.655 --> 00:05:37.365
Teach me to be love.

106
00:05:38.625 --> 00:05:40.565
And again, hold

107
00:05:41.945 --> 00:05:45.045
my trembling.

108

00:05:45.475 --> 00:05:49.245
Hold my trembling.

109
00:05:51.195 --> 00:05:53.525
Hold my heart.

110
00:05:54.175 --> 00:05:57.445
Teach me to be love.

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00:05:57.855 --> 00:06:00.125
Let's do it one more time. Hope.

112
00:06:00.915 --> 00:06:05.245
Hold my trembling.

113
00:06:05.875 --> 00:06:10.205
Hold my ling heart.

114
00:06:10.675 --> 00:06:13.565
Hold my heart.

115
00:06:14.095 --> 00:06:17.605
Teach me to be love.

116
00:06:19.695 --> 00:06:23.045
Great. If that's too much for you, guess what?

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00:06:23.435 --> 00:06:27.525
Here comes the drone, and we're gonna, I'm gonna start one

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00:06:27.525 --> 00:06:28.605
and let Baker take it.

119
00:06:28.605 --> 00:06:29.885
And I'll teach the second drone,

120
00:06:29.945 --> 00:06:31.565
the two drones play together.

121
00:06:33.395 --> 00:06:34.485
Hold My hope.

122
00:06:35.875 --> 00:06:38.805
Hold my hope. Hold my

123
00:06:38.805 --> 00:06:41.445
hope. Hold my hope.

124
00:06:41.995 --> 00:06:43.805
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

125
00:06:44.355 --> 00:06:46.125
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

126
00:06:46.595 --> 00:06:48.325
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

127
00:06:48.955 --> 00:06:50.725
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

128
00:06:51.275 --> 00:06:53.365
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

129
00:06:54.345 --> 00:06:55.805
My Hold my hope.

130
00:06:57.195 --> 00:06:58.405
Hold My hope. My hope.

131
00:06:59.595 --> 00:07:03.005
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

132
00:07:03.515 --> 00:07:07.805
Hold my Hope. Hold my hope. Hold my hope. Keep going.

133
00:07:08.955 --> 00:07:09.955
Hold My. And if you want My

134
00:07:09.955 --> 00:07:11.365
hope, try this little dance.

135

00:07:11.755 --> 00:07:13.725

Hold my hope. Hold my trembling.

136

00:07:14.035 --> 00:07:16.045

Hold my hope. Hold My trembling.

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00:07:16.395 --> 00:07:18.405

Hold my hope. Hold My trembling.

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00:07:18.755 --> 00:07:20.925

Hold my hope. Hold My trembling. Yes.

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00:07:21.155 --> 00:07:24.685

Hold my hope. Yes. Hold my hope. Hold

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00:07:24.705 --> 00:07:25.705

My trembling.

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00:07:25.795 --> 00:07:28.245

Hold my hope. Hold

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00:07:28.825 --> 00:07:30.845

My hope. You

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00:07:30.845 --> 00:07:31.965

Can try the melody with me.

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00:07:33.035 --> 00:07:35.125

Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

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00:07:35.355 --> 00:07:38.485

Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

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00:07:39.955 --> 00:07:42.685

Hold my, hold my hold.

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00:07:42.865 --> 00:07:45.445

My hope, my,

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00:07:47.865 --> 00:07:52.445

my, my Hold,

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00:07:52.505 --> 00:07:54.285
my me to be.

150
00:07:54.555 --> 00:07:57.405
Hold my hope. Hold my

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00:07:57.405 --> 00:07:58.405
Hope Again.

152
00:07:59.115 --> 00:08:03.965
Hold my, my hold.

153
00:08:04.105 --> 00:08:08.965
My hold. My turn. My hold.

154
00:08:09.025 --> 00:08:10.285
My hope. My

155
00:08:11.075 --> 00:08:12.075
Hold my hope.

156
00:08:13.435 --> 00:08:16.325
Hold my hope. Hold my

157
00:08:16.325 --> 00:08:18.925
hope. Hold my hope.

158
00:08:19.395 --> 00:08:21.045
Hold my, Hold My hope.

159
00:08:21.555 --> 00:08:23.285
Hold my, Hold my hope.

160
00:08:23.755 --> 00:08:27.965
Hold my hope. Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

161
00:08:28.585 --> 00:08:31.005
My My hope. Me

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00:08:31.065 --> 00:08:32.685
To Hold my hope.

163
00:08:34.315 --> 00:08:35.315
Hold My Hope. Let's

164
00:08:35.315 --> 00:08:35.805
all find the

165
00:08:35.805 --> 00:08:36.285
drones.

166
00:08:36.755 --> 00:08:38.605
Hold my hope. Hold my

167
00:08:38.605 --> 00:08:39.765
Hope. Hold my hope.

168
00:08:40.275 --> 00:08:42.205
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

169
00:08:42.755 --> 00:08:44.725
Hold my hope. Hold my hope.

170
00:08:45.275 --> 00:08:46.805
Hold my Hope. Hold my

171
00:08:46.805 --> 00:08:48.525
Hope. Hold my hope.

172
00:08:48.985 --> 00:08:51.165
And I'll sing. Hold

173
00:08:51.225 --> 00:08:52.225
My hope. Hold my hope.

174
00:08:52.225 --> 00:08:52.565

175
00:08:53.155 --> 00:08:57.405
Hold my hope. Hold my hope. My hope. Last one.

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00:08:57.755 --> 00:09:01.125
Hold my hope. Hold my hope. Beautiful.

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00:09:03.095 --> 00:09:05.885
Thank you. Thank you.

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00:09:18.165 --> 00:09:21.495
Well, hi Tyler and hi again. Thank you all.

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00:09:21.495 --> 00:09:22.575
Those of you who just arrived,

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00:09:22.755 --> 00:09:26.375
we are just learning a new acapella song from Sing Out Love,

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00:09:26.405 --> 00:09:28.135
written by Anna Hernandez.

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00:09:28.675 --> 00:09:32.335
And now we get to begin with a different vibe in the space

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00:09:32.555 --> 00:09:35.135
as, as Tyler, uh, tells you

184
00:09:35.135 --> 00:09:37.175
what our roadmap will be for today.

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00:09:39.455 --> 00:09:41.115
Before I do that, I just wanna say, wow.

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00:09:41.905 --> 00:09:45.395
Yeah, I really needed that. Oh God, I really needed that.

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00:09:45.515 --> 00:09:46.675
I had a roommate wake me up

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00:09:46.675 --> 00:09:48.235
with snoring at four 30 this morning.

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00:09:50.335 --> 00:09:53.315

So that was really needed. We're all love. It's cool.

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00:09:53.465 --> 00:09:56.155

It's okay. I'm being caffeinated because of another friend.

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00:09:56.155 --> 00:10:00.675

Thank you. So this morning we are going on another

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leg of our journey, another movement in our story.

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00:10:05.735 --> 00:10:10.275

And today, day two of three, we are focusing on

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small groups and synthesis, taking the wisdom that we

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acquired from our first wave earlier this year,

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and from the first day of our second wave here yesterday,

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and breaking it down, metabolizing it, if you will,

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00:10:30.165 --> 00:10:33.875

being little mushrooms to the decaying organic material.

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00:10:33.895 --> 00:10:38.475

If you're an Adrian Marie Brown follower like myself, Uhhuh,

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00:10:39.445 --> 00:10:40.955

we're making sense of all of that.

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And this greater question of what is worship for us

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00:10:44.775 --> 00:10:45.875

as a people today.

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00:10:46.695 --> 00:10:50.555

And as we move into the years,

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decades and centuries ahead of us.

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We'll share some opening framing with another video

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that we had, uh, yesterday.

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00:11:00.335 --> 00:11:01.675

And we'll return a little bit

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to our grounding assumptions about what guided Erica

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and I in this work of facilitating this first cohort

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00:11:09.575 --> 00:11:12.075

and the second cohort that we're in today.

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And again, we're gonna talk a lot about opportunities

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and challenges or roadblocks in our communities

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as it re relates to worship.

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Yeah. And before we begin the work of returning

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00:11:27.715 --> 00:11:30.555

to your wisdom and your conversations, we are going

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00:11:30.555 --> 00:11:34.115

to just pick out a few highlights from yesterday's,

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the things that you turned into us.

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00:11:36.615 --> 00:11:40.155

Uh, you gave us incredible feedback,

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00:11:40.635 --> 00:11:42.235

thoughts, experiences.

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We will eventually, uh, make sure

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00:11:45.595 --> 00:11:47.715

that those are all formally recorded

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and guide the next cohort this fall.

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00:11:50.415 --> 00:11:51.875

But we will just reflect back

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00:11:51.875 --> 00:11:53.925

to you a little bit of what we heard.

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00:11:54.905 --> 00:11:59.125

Uh, so for now, we're going to allow the

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meet the moment universal voice to guide us the,

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the video that every single meet the moment cohort

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will be viewing today.

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When we share a common understanding about what's

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happening around us, then we can begin to ask

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what are the most urgent

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and important needs of this moment that we're in?

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And what are the opportunities as well?

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Last fall, our state was voting on a ballot initiative

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to restore and protect abortion access.

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Our congregation knew that we wanted to be involved

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00:12:45.705 --> 00:12:48.125

and we wanted to use our values out in the world,

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00:12:48.745 --> 00:12:52.005

but we weren't sure how to get our people trained up

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00:12:52.105 --> 00:12:53.125

and organized,

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00:12:53.425 --> 00:12:55.765

and how to get our resources to the place

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00:12:55.765 --> 00:12:56.765

where they're most needed.

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At the same time, there was an organization in town

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that was looking for a place

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00:13:02.145 --> 00:13:04.365

to launch their canvassing operations.

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So over the course of the six months

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00:13:07.485 --> 00:13:11.525

before the election, our congregation hosted many,

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00:13:11.875 --> 00:13:15.125

many canvassing events, uh, from our building

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00:13:15.335 --> 00:13:18.405

where we welcomed hundreds of people from the community

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and many folks from our congregation.

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00:13:21.425 --> 00:13:23.685

And our partner organization trained them up

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00:13:23.945 --> 00:13:25.885

to go out into our city

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and talked to our neighbors at their doors.

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00:13:30.025 --> 00:13:31.685

The weekend before the election,

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00:13:32.185 --> 00:13:35.165

we had built a strong enough partnership that we were able

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00:13:35.225 --> 00:13:40.005

to host a get Out the Vote Weekend of events supported

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by Youu the vote that included a rally

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with local elected officials, a packing party

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00:13:47.305 --> 00:13:49.445

for post-abortion care kits,

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00:13:49.905 --> 00:13:53.685

and many rounds of canvassing shifts, all supported

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00:13:53.685 --> 00:13:57.925

by free meals, free childcare, clean restrooms,

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00:13:58.865 --> 00:14:01.885

um, and spaces with air conditioning where people could come

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00:14:01.985 --> 00:14:03.805

and take a break and recharge.

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00:14:04.825 --> 00:14:08.565

Our partners were so grateful for our people's incredible

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hospitality skills and for our physical resources

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as they often have to host these kinds of events out

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of parking lots or other spaces that are not as hospitable.

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We were so grateful for the campaign expertise that they

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provided us, the tangible organizing skills

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and coordination, and the way that their presence

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and our community's presence on our campus made it

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feel so alive.

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And in the time since then, some

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of those same folks have come

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to worship at our congregation,

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and our congregation is continuing to host packing parties

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and other events with our now beloved partners.

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Our needs and theirs, our resources and theirs,

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and the greater urgent need for justice in our state

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came together in this moment through this opportunity,

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and gave us direction and purpose

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and a conduit to put our spiritual values

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to work in the world where they are so needed.

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At the national level, we're working to prioritize urgent

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and important needs and opportunities for our whole faith.

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And we have a long list of answers

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as we look at various pieces of our shared work, our

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thousand member congregations across the continent,

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and at the political

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and religious realities of our time in our nations

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and in our communities.

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We urge you to discern the most pressing needs

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and the most promising opportunities in your shared context

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for your city, for your congregation, for your communities

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and kin, for the realm of ministry

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that is yours to shepherd.

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00:16:00.715 --> 00:16:03.645

What are the most urgent and important needs

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and opportunities of this moment?

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I think we're in a moment as Unitarian Universalists

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and in the wider culture to do what ancestors

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before us have done, is to respond in those moments.

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This moment is urgently testing the boundaries

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of our UU ideologies, forcing us to confront just

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how much we truly believe that each person has

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inherent worth and dignity.

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It's hard not to be overwhelmed, to shut down in the face

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of what's happening, but I think we need

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to keep our heads up because the work

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that we've always been doing,

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it's more important than ever that we keep doing it

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Where there's greed respond with generosity,

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00:16:57.865 --> 00:16:59.015

where there is fear

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and hatred to respond with love, to know we are deeply

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interdependent for the work of justice, for the work

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00:17:08.295 --> 00:17:12.655

of flourishing, and that we have a birthright

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00:17:13.155 --> 00:17:14.975

to flourishing and joy.

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There's a need for us to give our attention to those whose

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lives are being targeted

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and whose humanity is being questioned at every turn.

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The most urgent need is to humanize everyone,

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is to humanize those that people in power have deemed

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unworthy and not human.

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It is because dehumanization has been an integral part

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of violent extractive capitalism

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that we find ourselves in this moment now.

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And then we also have to find common ground

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with all the other people really around the world.

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We must recognize Mother Earth as the living,

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being, living entity that she is

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one that we need to remain in balance with

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if we are to survive.

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We're also living in this culture that is pushing

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homogeneity and uniformity through its vehicles of racism,

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sexism, transphobia,

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because that's what authoritarianism does.

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So UUs have the opportunity to be the people

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who we say we are, which is one which values difference,

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pluralism, diversity,

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And then, you know, reckoning with racism, right?

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Patriarchy and, and other systems of oppression, um,

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even embedded in our own institutions.

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You know, we have to confront those things.

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And those are urgent moments in this time that we have

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to confront and face

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Those who seek to divide and control us.

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Using authoritarian

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and fascist tactics depend on making us feel alone

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and afraid and powerless.

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Our power and our resilience are rooted in community,

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and we need to strengthen our community nurturing muscles

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Right now. We need to

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become better skilled

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and organized in areas of safety and care.

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And we need to be asset mapping the physical

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and the human resources of our congregations so

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that they can be accessible to our movement for justice.

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We need to be in coalition with people

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and with organizations who share our goals and values

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and follow the leadership of those most

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impacted by injustice.

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How can we pool our resources, money, housing, time,

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skills, and catch more people?

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As many as we can, the people who won't make it otherwise.

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We gotta build relationships.

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We gotta build coalitions with people

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who we don't agree with on everything.

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To truly protect those who need protecting.

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We need to remember our value of pluralism.

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The most urgent need of this moment is

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what the Reverend Dr ISAC of Bethlehem

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Christmas Church calls costly solidarity.

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Solidarity is the moral and strategic demand of our time.

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There's a need for us to be in solidarity

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with trans siblings, with immigrants,

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with all those who rely on social services,

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who are the most economically disadvantaged among us.

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As James Baldwin says, that if they come

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for you in the morning, they will come for us that night.

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And that is why it is imperative that we show up

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for each other, not just

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because it is politically necessary, but

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because what happens to our souls

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and our humanity if we turn away?

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And it's a really hard thing to call for,

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because it means that if I'm being crushed by a boulder

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and that boulder might be racism,

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that boulder might be xenophobia,

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that boulder might be anti-trans violence,

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that boulder might be anti-Muslim violence.

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I have to look around

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and see who else is also being crushed by a boulder

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and ask what will get us all free.

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This means putting our egos aside, leaning

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into discomfort, and staying in the work of repair

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even when, especially when it gets hard.

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I think this moment needs many of us

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to lean into not being as individually

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and collectively right

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as we thought we have been in the past.

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Um, and be willing to try something new.

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Hostility and downright meanness have become so

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pervasive all the way up

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to the highest levels of leadership.

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So Unitarian Universalists can show up

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and be the people who put love at the center, which

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at this moment in time is counter-cultural.

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You know, my shirt says, side with love.

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So we have to organize with love, right?

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Standing in solidarity with marginalized communities

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and participating in moments of liberation.

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We need to never compromise our vision of

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what putting love at the center means.

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We can't give an inch on whether

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or not trans kids deserve the healthcare that they need

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and did every state,

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or that they get to play on whatever

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00:22:53.725 --> 00:22:54.885

team matches who they are.

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Do I understand why you'd wanna play high school sports?

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No, I don't. But putting love at the center means letting

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love stretch our vision wide enough to hold

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00:23:06.245 --> 00:23:07.485
everyone for who they are.

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00:23:08.265 --> 00:23:12.545
If we want to become places that are salvific

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00:23:13.085 --> 00:23:17.385
and liberatory that provides sanctuary,

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00:23:18.365 --> 00:23:22.825
places of reverence, places that deeply embolden

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00:23:23.915 --> 00:23:26.905
human beings for flourishing, for thriving,

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00:23:29.245 --> 00:23:32.785
and for a kind of intentionality

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00:23:33.855 --> 00:23:35.825
that can change the world

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00:23:36.645 --> 00:23:41.425
and certainly can change lives, this is a moment

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00:23:41.435 --> 00:23:44.905
where we are called to truly put love at the center

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00:23:45.945 --> 00:23:48.125
and practice more.

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Right now, there is such a need for all of us to

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stay informed, to stay attuned to all that is going on,

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00:24:05.305 --> 00:24:08.405

but also to give ourselves some space

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00:24:08.985 --> 00:24:12.885

To rest, drink, water, pray,

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00:24:13.715 --> 00:24:15.685

play, deepen,

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00:24:15.825 --> 00:24:19.405

or begin a spiritual practice that is disciplined

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and delightful, rigorous,

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00:24:21.945 --> 00:24:24.365

and replenishing enough to sustain you

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for the long, long journey.

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That this moment is

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In a moment of confluent crises.

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The most difficult thing, I think is, is to, each of us has

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to find our center so that we aren't washed away by the

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feelings of pain and awe.

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Some space to rest, space

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to let our nervous systems regulate space to

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remember that the collapsing systems around us

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00:24:59.815 --> 00:25:02.965

don't make up the entirety of our lives,

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our world, our reality.

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This moment feels urgent across the board,

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but moving at the speed of panic will not serve us.

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Panic has this way of making us feel like we're moving

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faster when reality shows us

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that we are just expending more energy

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and moving with less precision, especially compared

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to pausing, orienting ourselves to the moment,

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deciding what to do, acting on that decision,

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and then reflecting on the outcomes.

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Keep going.

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Give no ground to resignation. Stay awake.

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Don't go back to sleep.

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Stay open to new methods, new partners, young voices.

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In the words of one poet, get out

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of the new road if you can't lend a hand.

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Because times are changing.

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Our care is needed now.

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And as you use, we were made for a time like this.

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Our long tradition, a fighting for social justice,

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the ways we're always learning, learning to do better,

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the ways in which we show up each week to be in community.

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And yes, this is terrifying,

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but also maybe not a bad thing.

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Stay alert not only to the crushing news,

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but to the rising of brilliant new resistance.

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These next years are gonna hurt no matter what.

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None of us are gonna escape unscathed,

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00:26:44.865 --> 00:26:48.165

but all of us can be present with one another in community

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00:26:48.435 --> 00:26:52.685

with love and joy and tenderness and,

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00:26:52.745 --> 00:26:54.965

and lots of fight, right?

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And if we do it well, we'll be part of a movement,

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00:26:58.705 --> 00:27:02.205

always driving towards justice, towards liberation,

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00:27:02.865 --> 00:27:04.725

and we'll be on the right side of history.

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Whatever happens, we will be on the right side of history.

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Okay, thank you everyone.

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We're going to very briefly in a second revisit the

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grounding assumptions that we're inviting you to share.

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Uh, we inadvertently skipped over

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a little bit of housekeeping.

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I just wanna let you know that we are striving

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00:27:42.805 --> 00:27:44.825

to always end on time, which is noon.

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That's our plan again today.

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If at any time you need to stretch your legs, take care

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of yourself, please do.

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The restrooms are right through those doors.

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You're, if you get up

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and leave, no one's gonna say, Hey, where you're going.

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So we know that you have to take care of yourself.

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And that at the end of today's session,

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I will put out a different sticker of, uh,

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chalice zentangle by Reverend Dr.

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Cindy Landrum. It's a little, it's a little goody.

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So we are going to just briefly go through the assumptions

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that we presented yesterday, the first of which is

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that worship is an essential part

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of being in religious community.

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That here in this space as co-creators of the sacred,

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in this time of conversation, we come with curiosity,

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trusting that we are here to learn and change

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00:28:38.725 --> 00:28:41.865

and to grow with one another, to plumb the depths

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00:28:41.865 --> 00:28:42.905

of spirit together.

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00:28:43.885 --> 00:28:47.185

And the assumption you let us know that you are behind

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because of the applause, is that we're not here

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to police each other's language, debate, language,

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or stop the conversation in order

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to interrogate someone's language of reverence.

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That we're here to do our own translating as we talk about,

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uh, transcendence and connection and worship,

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And that we take seriously,

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that worship is an opportune moment practice

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for transformation.

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Not only is it in relationship to the spirit of life

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and the liberating force of love,

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but it's also an opportunity

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to be transformed in the presence of one another,

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to challenge ourselves

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and to encourage ourselves to be transformed.

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And finally, because of the numbers in the room, we are

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inviting, uh, uh, sort of syncopated form of dialogue

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00:29:41.905 --> 00:29:44.845

by asking you to write your comments, questions,

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00:29:45.015 --> 00:29:48.845

input feedback on cards, which means I need a fresh set

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of volunteers today.

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00:29:50.825 --> 00:29:54.445

Uh, is that Mel back there? Mel is, uh, still willing. Yeah.

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If you are willing, if, if you're willing

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to be on your feet, thank you.

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Would you please come forward? Uh, yes. In the aisle.

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And how about one more person? Yes. With your hand up.

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So I'm going to give you some pens and cards,

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00:30:07.585 --> 00:30:11.965

and, uh, if you in the seats want to write down a question,

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00:30:11.965 --> 00:30:13.405

comment, hold your hand up

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to receive a card. Can you do the,

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So, while we're getting information

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with our note cards today, I wanted to return for a moment

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00:30:23.145 --> 00:30:28.125

to, um, some of the delicious note cards we got yesterday.

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So I think we, ooh,

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there are probably about 200 note cards here.

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And I went through each and every single one of them.

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00:30:41.535 --> 00:30:45.765

Thank you. We asked and we wanted to receive.

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So continued to do that.

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00:30:47.465 --> 00:30:49.725

And so what we did is we broke the piles in half.

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00:30:50.065 --> 00:30:52.485

One for the first question and one for the second question.

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And for those of you who weren't here yesterday,

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our first question asked was, um, what,

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what was your most, what was your first experience?

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Earliest memory? Your earliest memory of worship?

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You know, that first time you were in worship,

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and it really, it was powerful,

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00:31:10.985 --> 00:31:12.165

you know, hit something good.

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It was spiritually yummy, as I like to often say, that's a,

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a seminary word for you, spiritually yummy.

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And the other question, the other question was,

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what are the roadblocks

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and obstacles that prevent our worship teams from feeling

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those aspirations

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00:31:28.785 --> 00:31:32.885

and intentions of creating soul nourishing worship?

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00:31:33.905 --> 00:31:36.925

So when I read all of the feedback from the people online

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and the people in the room, I was looking for themes.

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And these are some of the themes that I heard when it came

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to the roadblocks mm-hmm.

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For soul nourishing worship in our

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congregations and communities.

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The presence of trauma in our religious communities,

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the lack of planning

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00:32:00.865 --> 00:32:04.245

and timing for worship leaders, no matter

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00:32:04.245 --> 00:32:07.765

what role they serve in the overall life of our communities.

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Different ideas about what worship is

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and what it's for.

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00:32:16.425 --> 00:32:18.885

The, the struggle, the tension

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00:32:19.555 --> 00:32:22.325

between spirituality and justice.

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00:32:25.675 --> 00:32:29.565

There's this ever pressing desire to be perfect.

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There's a mourning in our communities about

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the age segregation that many of our youth

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00:32:40.105 --> 00:32:42.245
and young folk leave

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00:32:43.105 --> 00:32:45.245
and may not ever return to the sanctuary

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00:32:45.245 --> 00:32:49.125
during the worshipful hour or hours in our our communities.

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00:32:51.275 --> 00:32:55.605
There's a tension around, maybe there's too much diversity

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00:32:56.745 --> 00:32:59.245
and practice within our worship experiences.

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00:33:00.545 --> 00:33:01.605
And then at the same time,

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00:33:01.715 --> 00:33:05.925
some folks said there was not enough diversity, right?

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So, so we lifted these up

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00:33:08.085 --> 00:33:10.205
because it is actually really important to see

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00:33:10.205 --> 00:33:13.285
that there are tensions and the tensions within us.

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00:33:13.465 --> 00:33:14.565
Yes. That's okay.

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00:33:15.015 --> 00:33:17.005
We're trying to figure that all out

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00:33:17.025 --> 00:33:18.325
and massage it out. Yeah.

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00:33:18.395 --> 00:33:23.305

Yeah. So when we asked you to talk

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00:33:23.305 --> 00:33:26.425

to one another about your early memories

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of experiencing the power of worship,

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00:33:30.835 --> 00:33:34.025

there were also some really clear themes over and over.

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People wrote down, uh, memories of Christmas Eve services

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passing the light.

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And also, for example, Easter sunrise service, uh,

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is another example of these moments out of time, right?

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Kairos is the, the Greek word used to describe that sense

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of timelessness or God time, God's time

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where the world is sort of set apart from daily rhythms.

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Other themes were, uh, this sense of community, uh,

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the powerful sense of community and embodiment.

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So we heard people say things like music and dance over

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00:34:14.005 --> 00:34:18.785
and over, that the power of worship of being moved or opened

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00:34:18.925 --> 00:34:22.425
or transformed, often happens through the portal

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00:34:22.805 --> 00:34:24.385
of our bodies in some way.

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00:34:26.685 --> 00:34:30.825
The, the term spirit was used. Whatever that means to you.

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00:34:30.825 --> 00:34:33.665
Whether you're picturing that with a small s

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00:34:33.685 --> 00:34:37.705
or a capital s, for me, that means there's a sense of,

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00:34:37.795 --> 00:34:39.105
again, transcendence

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00:34:39.565 --> 00:34:41.665
or a sense of being connected

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00:34:41.665 --> 00:34:43.505
to something larger than ourselves,

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00:34:43.575 --> 00:34:46.185
more loving than ourselves, more forgiving than ourselves,

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00:34:47.205 --> 00:34:49.425
um, wiser than ourselves.

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00:34:50.325 --> 00:34:51.705
And you also said,

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00:34:51.805 --> 00:34:55.985
and again, these are just a few phrases from, from all

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00:34:55.985 --> 00:35:00.305

of the things that we read, that there, uh, the,

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the importance of a powerful kernel

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00:35:02.865 --> 00:35:04.105

of takeaway in the message.

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Notice, it doesn't say sermon,

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but the powerful takeaway, the thing that, um, like a,

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like a burr when you go hiking, that it sticks to your socks

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00:35:14.565 --> 00:35:16.585

and you find it three days later, right?

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Uh, and that elements combine to create sacred time

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and sacred space.

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And again, we're not gonna quibble over what that means.

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Um, sometimes it's like, you know it when you feel it.

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So thank you for, that's just a tiny snapshot.

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Again, we will record everything,

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but thank you for being so authentic.

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00:35:37.825 --> 00:35:42.045
Um, and as a reminder, if you're having thoughts or comments

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00:35:42.145 --> 00:35:44.485
or questions or input, don't, don't hesitate

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00:35:44.485 --> 00:35:46.765
to wave down someone with an index card.

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00:35:47.045 --> 00:35:49.565
Although please don't take the pens home with you today,

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00:35:49.715 --> 00:35:51.525
because now we're down to our last pens.

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00:35:53.505 --> 00:35:57.005
So today hot takes, do you wanna talk about our hot takes?

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00:35:57.145 --> 00:36:00.165
So we have some hot takes, Mo? Yeah.

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00:36:00.465 --> 00:36:03.085
You know, you know what? A millennial loves a hot take.

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00:36:04.345 --> 00:36:07.685
And I was like, Erica, we gotta put some hot takes in there.

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00:36:09.585 --> 00:36:11.965
So we just shared a little bit about what y'all said.

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00:36:12.625 --> 00:36:16.885
The hot takes comes from the first wave coat wave cohort

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00:36:17.075 --> 00:36:18.925
that we hosted earlier this spring.

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And what we noticed about the opportunities

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of this moment from these leaders who hold a variety

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of roles within our, our association

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and congregations across the board, were these things, uh,

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on the screen that will appear here in a moment.

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They'll appear, I'm gonna read them. Thank you.

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There's a deep desire amongst us

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to be vulnerable with one another.

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There's a desire to

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be in engage the mind, body, spirit,

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wholeness of our beings.

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We're desiring for transformation.

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Folk are deeply,

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deeply interested in pushing against the isolation

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and alienation of the religion of the world, which says

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00:37:12.435 --> 00:37:14.835
that we are solo things that just kind

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00:37:14.835 --> 00:37:16.075
of bump into one another.

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00:37:18.045 --> 00:37:20.695
There's a longing to feel connected

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00:37:21.155 --> 00:37:23.175
to a larger story.

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00:37:24.555 --> 00:37:28.055
The story of us as a people, the story of us as a faith,

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00:37:28.115 --> 00:37:32.295
the story of us, maybe if we're daring as a species,

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00:37:33.035 --> 00:37:35.495
the story of us as creation

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00:37:37.685 --> 00:37:42.655
folk are feeling a desire to feel empowered and fortified.

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00:37:42.975 --> 00:37:44.615
I don't know about y'all, but with the show of hands,

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00:37:44.675 --> 00:37:47.495
how many of y'all are just kind of sick and tired

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00:37:47.595 --> 00:37:48.775
and weary of it all?

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00:37:48.775 --> 00:37:53.615
Right now? It, yeah, it, the big it, right?

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00:37:54.795 --> 00:37:56.295
I'm looking to feel empowered

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00:37:56.295 --> 00:37:58.335

and fortified myself in this time.

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Folk are looking to be witness to

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and affirmed in the offerings

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that they can provide their community.

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Heck, some of us don't even know what we can offer yet,

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but we wanna offer something.

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There's a desire for hope, a connecting

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to one another in a regulated regular space

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for embodied practices and rituals,

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and most importantly, a desire for authenticity.

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These were the hot takes from the first wave cohort

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of about 17 people from four months ago.

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Yeah. Yeah. Interesting.

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Those are pretty much exactly in line with

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what y'all said yesterday, huh? Yeah.

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Yeah, yeah.

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So if those are the opportunities, if that's

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what we are being guided, uh, by almost like a north star

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or a constellation, what are the roadblocks?

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What are the obstacles? Now, we asked you some of this, um,

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but we're going to report to you about, let me just read off

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what our cohort said.

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The, the obstacles are a capitalist mindset.

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You heard that in our little summary video yesterday.

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We showed you a video of our cohort, a sense

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of hyperindividualism, right?

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People saying, but what about me and what I want?

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What about my rights? What about what? Right.

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A lack sometimes of shared language and understanding.

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Right? And since this is a worship, um, gathering,

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I will say that one of the most important things you

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and your worship team can do is

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articulate a purpose statement.

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'cause if there are tensions

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and conflicts over worship in your congregation,

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it's usually because people think your job is

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to do something different than what you think it is.

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Another obstacle is congregations clinging

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to old models and habits.

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And I think what's unspoken here is that no longer serve,

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or that have not been questioned

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or assessed widespread distress in the world.

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Obviously, um, the, the forces of alienation

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and dehumanization mean that, that we come in often

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with even emptier fuel tanks.

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An obstacle is the myth

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or the lie that we come to church to escape the world.

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That we are always fleeing, always seeking comfort,

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always coming to hide, rather than to fortify ourselves

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00:40:26.945 --> 00:40:30.205
to be agents of love, uh, and empathy.

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00:40:32.185 --> 00:40:35.005
And the final two obstacles we came up with is worship.

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That simply doesn't engage the real world and,

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00:40:37.625 --> 00:40:39.685
and acknowledge what people are bringing with them.

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And, and a need to always follow the plan, right?

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Adherence to the plan is more important than trusting our

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yourself as a worship leader to say, the plan has to be

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jettisoned today because I can feel a deeper hunger

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and I am here to serve that

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rather than the plan, right?

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So those, those, uh, that's just a tiny snapshot, just

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as in the way that what we read

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to you from your own words was also very brief.

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Well, we would like you to talk about this among yourselves.

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Um, and that will include zoom groups.

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For those of you who are on Zoom, thank you again, JD,

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for seeing that today, instead of being in groups of four

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or five, we're asking you

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to make your group a little larger,

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maybe closer to seven people.

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If we trust you to figure out who those people are,

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you're welcome to move about the room.

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And the question is on the screen, you're going

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to have 20 minutes to talk about what the most urgent

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and important needs are for your congregation,

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and what are the challenges and the opportunities.

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Okay? And hopefully you've got some different contexts.

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So you're learning from each other.

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Oh, well, we're a small lay led

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congregation with 42 members.

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Well, we're a 300 member congregation

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with two mem ministers.

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And just see, um, what comes out. Okay?

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We'll give you a heads up when you're halfway through,

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and, uh, please feel free to send us messages

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through those cards,

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okay?

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Please stay in your group.

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Um, you're welcome to write down some of those needs

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that you identified.

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But here's what we would like you to write down.

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I have here my fairy godmother wand.

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We're, we're giving you another seven, eight minutes,

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and this time we would really like someone

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to, to make notes.

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Um, and we would like you to pass cards forward.

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So our cards with volunteer bearing cards may

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need to identify themselves.

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If your congregation were visited

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by a fairy godmother who could ease you past

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one challenge or obstacle,

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What would you wish for?

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It cannot be a bequest of \$1 million.

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And don't say \$990,000 either.

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So you can't put, you cannot say money.

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What is the one wish you would ask for, um,

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your fairy godmother

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to ease you past one challenge or obstacle?

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Go.

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00:43:42.375 --> 00:43:46.075

If you have not yielded over your note cards yet,

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00:43:46.615 --> 00:43:47.915

we will take 'em.

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00:43:47.935 --> 00:43:50.235

Our friends are moving throughout with their hands up

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00:43:50.235 --> 00:43:51.755

to collect said note cards.

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00:43:55.885 --> 00:43:57.795

Don't, don't leave. Get comfortable.

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00:43:57.895 --> 00:44:00.275

We are just gonna wrap up and we're going to sing again,

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00:44:00.695 --> 00:44:02.795

and we're gonna tell you what tomorrow holds.

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00:44:06.285 --> 00:44:07.355

Thank you. Thank you. You welcome.

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00:44:30.515 --> 00:44:31.535

Any more cards?

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00:44:31.965 --> 00:44:34.975

Okay, folks, let me tell you, listen to some of this, um,

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00:44:35.265 --> 00:44:36.335

great, great stuff.

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00:44:37.305 --> 00:44:38.615

These are your needs.

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00:44:40.035 --> 00:44:41.135

Uh, I don't know which

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00:44:41.135 --> 00:44:42.855

of these are fairy godmother questions.

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00:44:42.855 --> 00:44:46.695

Thank you for this, by the way. Shared spiritual practices.

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00:44:48.155 --> 00:44:50.575

Wow, that answer is so cool.

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00:44:51.795 --> 00:44:56.295

Uh, transforming fear into curiosity. Yeah.

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00:44:56.755 --> 00:45:01.095

Woo is right. Get beyond

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00:45:01.755 --> 00:45:05.055

partic, um, receiving only in worship to engage

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00:45:05.855 --> 00:45:07.055

movement, art, et cetera.

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00:45:07.315 --> 00:45:10.135

Woo. Teach or model the code switching.

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00:45:10.135 --> 00:45:13.495

The translating words like God and love and spirit. Yes.

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00:45:14.085 --> 00:45:17.175

This is fantastic. Mm.

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00:45:17.995 --> 00:45:22.815

To lessen anxiety in the congregation about being a

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00:45:22.825 --> 00:45:24.855

vulnerable in new worship styles.

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00:45:26.285 --> 00:45:30.815

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Hang on a second.

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00:45:30.925 --> 00:45:32.415

It's, these are sort of combined

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00:45:34.705 --> 00:45:36.475

education about harm

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00:45:36.895 --> 00:45:41.195

and how to create safe space, right?

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00:45:41.255 --> 00:45:44.315

Or space, safer space. Wow.

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00:45:47.705 --> 00:45:50.275

It's interesting how tech is appearing up in here.

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00:45:53.385 --> 00:45:54.515

That is fascinating.

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00:45:54.545 --> 00:45:56.515

Tech support is actually showing up a lot.

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00:45:56.575 --> 00:45:59.035

Our, our fairy godmother, um, needs to have a lot

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00:45:59.035 --> 00:46:00.075

of tech skills, apparently.

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00:46:02.325 --> 00:46:04.115

Uhhuh. Yeah.

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00:46:04.955 --> 00:46:07.075

I have questions about why, um,

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00:46:07.175 --> 00:46:08.835

and some of these needs I'm reading,

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00:46:09.545 --> 00:46:13.035

helping us live into our commitments and aspirations.

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00:46:14.375 --> 00:46:17.355

Uh, that's, to me it means living out

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00:46:17.355 --> 00:46:20.435

what we say about wanting to be truly multi-generational

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00:46:20.975 --> 00:46:22.955

so our children feel ownership.

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00:46:23.855 --> 00:46:25.915

Wow. Wow. This is great.

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00:46:27.135 --> 00:46:31.075

Uh, and sourcing resilience.

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00:46:32.305 --> 00:46:34.195

This is wonderful, wonderful wonder.

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00:46:34.295 --> 00:46:36.275

We can't wait to read through all these in detail.

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00:46:37.135 --> 00:46:38.715

Indeed. And of course, we are still,

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00:46:38.725 --> 00:46:40.955

we're collecting the responses

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that you've shared with us online.

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00:46:42.715 --> 00:46:45.595

Beloved, you, again, you are part of this conversation.

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00:46:45.655 --> 00:46:47.235

So we're gonna get those and I'm gonna

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00:46:47.235 --> 00:46:48.595

review them again this evening.

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00:46:48.775 --> 00:46:51.115

So if you haven't put in the chat yet, go ahead

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00:46:51.115 --> 00:46:53.595

and let us know what you would like your fairy godmother

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00:46:53.735 --> 00:46:57.315

to help you with in your congregation about worship.

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00:46:57.855 --> 00:47:01.595

One thing. So just to summarize,

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00:47:02.015 --> 00:47:06.195

we did a little more overiewing of the shared roadblocks

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00:47:07.335 --> 00:47:11.555

and opportunities of worship for ourselves yesterday

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00:47:11.935 --> 00:47:14.315

and for our congregations today.

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00:47:14.565 --> 00:47:15.995

Right? You see what we're doing there?

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00:47:15.995 --> 00:47:17.115

We're kind of going on a journey,

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00:47:17.435 --> 00:47:20.075

starting from the individual going to the collective.

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00:47:20.605 --> 00:47:23.755

We're building out something. Y'all give us patience, right?

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00:47:24.755 --> 00:47:27.715

Tomorrow what we are doing is we're gonna focus on skill

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00:47:28.315 --> 00:47:31.045

building around particular things.

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00:47:31.585 --> 00:47:33.205

But I'm gonna tell you a hard thing.

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00:47:34.465 --> 00:47:36.125

We have no magic fix at all.

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00:47:37.425 --> 00:47:39.765

If we did, we actually wouldn't need to meet the moment.

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00:47:40.085 --> 00:47:42.645

'cause the moment would've been fixed, right?

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00:47:43.075 --> 00:47:46.285

What we are in right now is a denominational moment

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00:47:46.425 --> 00:47:49.605

of conversation around worship, right?

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00:47:50.105 --> 00:47:52.925

And so, one of the things we were, I was noticing, not we,

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00:47:53.205 --> 00:47:57.525

I, me, Tyler Byron Tyler Coles, uh, was

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00:47:58.145 --> 00:48:00.845

the interesting mixture of responses.

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Nothing wrong with that.

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Some of them were explicitly about worship, right?

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00:48:05.185 --> 00:48:08.045

And all the ways you would perceive and know and understand

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00:48:08.185 --> 00:48:11.205

and guess other things were questions about,

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00:48:11.275 --> 00:48:13.805

like pastoral care.

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00:48:15.095 --> 00:48:17.645

Other things were about building use.

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00:48:18.415 --> 00:48:21.645

Other things were about governance and safety.

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00:48:22.625 --> 00:48:26.045

Now, at first, there is some space between the topic

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and experience of worship and these things,

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but they are indeed related.

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They are, because they're all about the life

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00:48:36.105 --> 00:48:39.045

of the religious community when gathered together.

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00:48:39.945 --> 00:48:41.965

So we receive all these and we talk about them.

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00:48:42.305 --> 00:48:45.045

But in this conversation that we're having,

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00:48:45.465 --> 00:48:48.045

we actually do need to come to a shared understanding,

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00:48:48.625 --> 00:48:50.885

or at least a shared language around

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00:48:50.995 --> 00:48:53.045

what worship is about, right?

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00:48:53.115 --> 00:48:55.685

Because when one person says worship, is that thing

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00:48:55.685 --> 00:48:57.205

that we do say on Sunday morning,

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00:48:57.265 --> 00:48:59.765

or we Wednesday evening during Vespers,

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00:49:00.705 --> 00:49:05.325

and another person says it's about, um, uh,

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00:49:05.325 --> 00:49:06.485

congregational safety.

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00:49:06.555 --> 00:49:10.005

Like with the safer congregations work.

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00:49:10.545 --> 00:49:12.845

I'm also a safer congregations portfolio holder.

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00:49:12.965 --> 00:49:15.365

I see some of my safer congregation leaders in here.

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00:49:15.465 --> 00:49:18.645

Woo, woo. Uh, those are kind of different facets

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00:49:18.645 --> 00:49:19.645

of the religious community.

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00:49:19.665 --> 00:49:21.965

So we actually have to be clear on that, right?

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00:49:22.145 --> 00:49:26.125

Do you see what I'm going after here? Right? Right.

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00:49:27.025 --> 00:49:29.525

We gotta come around to a little sharper analysis,

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00:49:29.585 --> 00:49:31.805

and that is what we're aiming to do and meet the moment.

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00:49:32.145 --> 00:49:35.285

So we have to go on this journey a little bit longer.

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00:49:35.495 --> 00:49:40.085

We're not gonna fix the like, 400 year lineage of worship

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00:49:40.265 --> 00:49:44.245

and unitarian universalism in the United States in two days.

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00:49:46.625 --> 00:49:49.645

We also know that some of you might have expected

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00:49:49.905 --> 00:49:51.925

to be receiving more concrete tips.

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00:49:52.635 --> 00:49:53.925

This is a three day arc,

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00:49:53.925 --> 00:49:55.725

because tomorrow is the day

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00:49:55.775 --> 00:49:59.205

where we will be diving into some resources,

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00:49:59.875 --> 00:50:01.605

into brainstorming, things like that.

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00:50:01.945 --> 00:50:05.245

So, uh, we'll end the day tomorrow, in fact, with a list of

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00:50:05.925 --> 00:50:07.085

resources for going further.

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00:50:08.815 --> 00:50:10.245

Thank you again for all of this.

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Your chaus stickers are up here when you need them.

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00:50:14.545 --> 00:50:17.365

Before I teach you a song.

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00:50:17.365 --> 00:50:21.005

Again, not in our hymnal, I just want to note again,

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00:50:21.555 --> 00:50:24.525

another theme I see in these cards is about fear.

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So the, the,

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00:50:31.025 --> 00:50:34.385

I think the briefest thing I wanna say about that is that

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00:50:35.485 --> 00:50:37.745

our minds can't be open and curious,

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00:50:38.205 --> 00:50:40.785

and our hearts can't soften when we're in that fear.

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00:50:40.925 --> 00:50:44.505

And the, the container of the world around us by design,

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00:50:45.005 --> 00:50:47.545

the calculated cur, uh, cruelty

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00:50:48.055 --> 00:50:50.545

that we're seeing at the highest levels of power

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00:50:51.245 --> 00:50:54.145

is about getting us into our lizard brains.

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00:50:54.685 --> 00:50:56.425

The hunkering, the protecting, right?

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00:50:56.445 --> 00:51:01.425

So I just wanna acknowledge that we can say disrupting fear,

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00:51:01.685 --> 00:51:03.625

but that's a really big ask

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00:51:03.625 --> 00:51:05.825

because it involves our nervous systems,

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00:51:06.085 --> 00:51:07.905

our bodies, our trauma.

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00:51:08.855 --> 00:51:11.105

It's, it's counter-cultural, right?

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00:51:11.125 --> 00:51:14.385

So some of the very simple things that we are longing for

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00:51:15.325 --> 00:51:17.905

are complex and take time

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00:51:18.125 --> 00:51:20.105

and care to

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00:51:22.015 --> 00:51:23.305

find a way forward.

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00:51:24.005 --> 00:51:27.305

So, we'll, we'll be working on connecting those dots

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00:51:27.365 --> 00:51:31.625

as we sit with these, the, the, the, the hymn that

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00:51:32.795 --> 00:51:34.625

we'll try to get and sing out love.

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00:51:35.045 --> 00:51:37.785

The song I want to invite you to sing is very simple.

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00:51:38.285 --> 00:51:40.945

The words are shine on me,

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00:51:43.755 --> 00:51:46.265

shine on me, shine on me.

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00:51:46.845 --> 00:51:51.065

Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

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00:51:51.245 --> 00:51:52.345

And then we repeat that.

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00:51:52.345 --> 00:51:53.745

Raise your hand if you know this song.

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00:51:54.555 --> 00:51:56.825

Shine on me, shine on me.

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00:51:57.045 --> 00:52:00.665
Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

933
00:52:01.205 --> 00:52:03.505
And it's a really great song for harmony.

934
00:52:03.845 --> 00:52:07.345
So we'll sing it a few times this time. Just join in.

935
00:52:07.485 --> 00:52:08.485
If you know it.

936
00:52:09.755 --> 00:52:11.545
Shine on me.

937
00:52:13.435 --> 00:52:15.505
Shine on me.

938
00:52:16.805 --> 00:52:20.305
Let the light from the lighthouse

939
00:52:21.715 --> 00:52:23.785
shine on me.

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00:52:25.915 --> 00:52:28.025
Shine on me.

941
00:52:29.915 --> 00:52:32.145
Shine on me.

942
00:52:33.445 --> 00:52:36.825
Let the light from the lighthouse

943
00:52:38.555 --> 00:52:40.705
shine on me.

944
00:52:40.725 --> 00:52:42.505
Why don't you rise in body or in spirit?

945
00:52:43.795 --> 00:52:46.225

Shine on me.

946
00:52:48.175 --> 00:52:50.765
Shine on me.

947
00:52:52.145 --> 00:52:55.165
Let the light from the

948
00:52:55.255 --> 00:52:58.125
light shine

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00:53:00.275 --> 00:53:01.275
Nice. Harmony,

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00:53:01.275 --> 00:53:01.565

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00:53:02.335 --> 00:53:04.565
Shine on me.

952
00:53:06.395 --> 00:53:08.945
Shine on me.

953
00:53:10.365 --> 00:53:13.625
Let the light from the light

954
00:53:15.875 --> 00:53:18.305
shine on me.

955
00:53:18.565 --> 00:53:23.065
One more time. Shine on me.

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00:53:32.265 --> 00:53:32.485
The

957
00:53:39.575 --> 00:53:43.045
shine on me.

958
00:53:45.165 --> 00:53:47.955
Shine on on me.

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00:53:50.135 --> 00:53:53.315

The light. The light.

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00:53:55.605 --> 00:53:58.635

Shine me,

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00:54:02.255 --> 00:54:03.395

go shining.

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00:54:03.855 --> 00:54:06.075

Go loving. Enjoy your Friday.