

# Sunday Morning Worship

June 27, 2004



# Unitarian Universalism: A Living Tradition

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

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

--- Mark Belletini

**Carlos Reynosa**, Flautist and solo recording artist, Idyllwild, CA  
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## Service Leaders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Musicians

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

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

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

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

## Order of Service

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

### This Little Light of Mine

Trad. Spiritual

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

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

### Gathered Here

4-part round

1.  
Gath - ered here in the my - st'ry of the hour.

2.  
Gath - ered here in one strong bo - dy.

3.  
Gath - ered here in the

4.  
strug - gle and the pow'r. Spir - it draw near.

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## Gather the Spirit

1. Gath - er the spir - it, har - vest the pow'r.  
2. Gath - er the spir - it of heart and mind.  
3. Gath - er the spir - it grow - ing in all,  
Our sep - 'rate fires will kin - dle one flame.  
Seeds for the sow - ing are laid in store.  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Wit - ness the mys - ter - y of this hour. Our  
Nur - tured in love, and con - science re - fined, with the  
Win - ter to spring, and sum - mer to fall, the  
trials in this light \_\_\_ ap - pear all the same.  
bo - dy and spir - it u - ni - ted once more.  
chor - us of life \_\_\_ re - sound - ing as one.  
Gath - er in peace, gath - er in thanks.  
Gath - er in sym - pa - thy now and then.  
Gath - er in hope, com - pas - sion and strength.  
Gath - er to \_\_\_ ce - le - brate once a - gain. \_\_\_

⊕ Words & Music: Jim Scott, 1945- , © 1990

GATHER THE SPIRIT  
9.9.9.10. with refrain

Closing Hymn

Freedom is Coming

*With exuberance!* ♩ = 114

Oh free - dom, oh free - dom, oh  
Oh yes I know, oh yes I know, oh

*repeat each verse until cue*

free - dom, free-dom is com-ing! Oh  
yes I know, free-dom is com-ing!

*Last time only*

free - dom, oh free - dom, oh

free - dom, free-dom is com-ing, oh yes I know!

Words and Music: Trad. South African

**Benediction**

Bill Sinkford

**Hymn**

**Standing on the Side of Love** Solo: Jason Shelton

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Refrain:

We are stand-ing on the side of love: \_\_\_\_\_  
hands joined to-geth-er as hearts beat as one. Em-  
bold-ened by faith, we dare to pro-claim we are  
stand - ing on the side of love. \_\_\_\_\_

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SINKFORD  
7.6.5.5.8. with refrain

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

*Sicilienne* Ken Herman  
Maria Theresia Von Paradis

**Litany of Freedom** **Free, We Are Free** Mark Belletini

*Refrain - sung between spoken parts*

Free! We are free! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Mark Belletini  
Music: Jeannie Gagné  
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**Welcome and Greeting**

Jason Shelton

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

**Prelude** *Passion* Carlos Reynosa

**Lighting the Chalice** Victoria Safford

**Hymn** **Morning Has Come**

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

*♩ = 112*

1. Morn-ing has come, a - rise and greet the day!  
 2. A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.  
 3. O - pen our eyes to see that life a - bounds;

Dance with joy and sing a song of glad - ness!  
 Won - der fills this mom - ent shared to - ge - ther.  
 o - pen hearts to wel - come it a - mong us.

The light of hope here shines  
 The light of peace here shines u - pon each  
 The light of love here shines

face. May it bring faith to guide our jour - ney home.

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MOUNTAIN MORNING  
 10.10.10.10.

**Story for All Ages** *What If Nobody Forgave?* Jory Agate & Friends  
 k Barbara Marshman

**Song** *There is More Love Somewhere* Trad. Spiritual

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

**Prayer** Victoria Safford

**Anthem** *Be Ours A Religion* GA Chorale  
 k Theodore Parker: Text; k Tom Benjamin: Music

Reading

Wild Geese  
Mary Oliver

Marta Valentin Chase

Hymn

### Spirit of Life/Fuente de Amor

Spir - it of Life, come un - to me. Sing in my  
 Fuen - te de A - mor, ven ha - cia mí. Y al co - ra -

heart all the stir-rings of com - pas-sion. Blow in the wind,  
 zón, cán-ta - le tu com-pa - sión. — So - pla al vo - lar,

rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing life the shape of  
 su - be en la mar, has - ta mol - de ar la jus - ti - cia de la

jus - tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
 vi - da. A - rraí - ga - me, li - bé - ra - me,

Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.  
 Fuen - te de A - mor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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SPIRIT OF LIFE  
 8.12.8.12.8.10.

Reading

from "Heretic's Faith"  
 by Fredric John Muir

Bill Sinkford

Sermon

*A Work in Progress*

Bill Sinkford