

2024 General Assembly Sunday Service: Weaving Our Lives

We are all tangled up together in a great web of life that is woven with beauty and hardship, love and loss, thriving and struggle. How do we tend well to the weaving so that all of us are held in care?

Led by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, minister, UU Church of Columbia, MO.

Our Vision: An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

Our Mission: To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

Welcome

Rev. Amy Kindred, UU Clearwater Developmental Minister and Margie Manning, Worship Associate

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Introduction Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

Prelude "Held Together"

By David M. Glasgow

Featuring choirs from All Souls Unitarian Church (Indianapolis, IN);

First Parish in Concord, MA;

First Parish UU in Lexington, MA;

First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI;

UU Fellowship in Athens, GA;

UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, NY;

UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ;

UU Church in Reston, VA;

and UU of Minnetonka, MN

Opening Words Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon,

Rev. Eric Kaminetzky, Rev. Sarah Oglesby Dunegan, Rev. Sadie Lansdale, Rev. Aaron Stockwell Wisman

Chalice Lighting Gretchen Maune and

Members of the UU Church of Columbia, MO

Story from "Through the Mickle Wood" by Valiska Gregory

Read by Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley, Jr.

After the story, our children will go to their RE class

Interlude "We Are Weaving Our Lives" by Alexa Sunshine Rose

Performed by beheld



Centering Moment

Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education, and Violet Vonder Haar, Director of Music Ministry, UU Church of Columbia, MO

Congregational Song:

"We are Weaving Our Lives"
By Alexa Sunshine Rose
Led by Violet Vonder Haar

Lyrics: We are weaving our lives
We are weaving our hearts and our minds
We are weaving the bright and dark threads
Of our journeys through
We are weaving our lives
We are weaving a blanket of light
We are weaving a basket to hold
All that's true

Prayer and Moment of Contemplation

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

We will recognize Joys and Sorrows at this time

Hymn of Response

"Spirit of Life" By Carolyn McDade Led by Natasha Steinmacher

Lyrics: Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Reading "Shaking the Tree"

By Jeanne Lohmann

Read by Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long

Anthem "Weave and Spin"

By Starhawk

Performed by Lea Morris

Sermon "Weaving Our Lives"

By Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon



Hymn

"Circle 'Round for Freedom" By Linda Hirschhorn Led by Natasha Steinmacher and Francisco Ruiz

Lyrics: Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace, for all of us imprisoned, circle for release, circle for the planet, circle for each soul, for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Offering Introduction

Nicole Pressley for "Side with Love"

During today's offering, you may contribute to Side with Love, your UUC pledge, UUC's general fund, or for our community outreach recipient for June – Community Tampa Bay

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For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory

"Hold On" By Yola Performed by beheld

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

Extinguishing the Chalice

"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"

Postlude

"Weaving Our Songs"
Arranged by Paul Winchester
Music by David M. Glasgow
Alexa Sunshine Rose
Carolyn McDade and
Starhawk



Our Grateful Thanks:

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Special Thanks to Lori Thorn for her beautiful rendering of our chalice, which adorns

the header in the Order of Service!

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

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