

“Weaving Our Lives”

Sunday Worship for the UUA General Assembly

Sunday, June 23, 2024

1:00 p.m. ET / 12:00 p.m. CT

11:00 a.m. MT / 10:00 a.m. PT

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

Prelude – “Here 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 & Members of the UU Church of Columbia, MO

Story – from *Through the Mickle Wood* by Valiska Gregory – read by Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley Jr.

Interlude - “We Are Weaving Our Lives” by Alexa Sunshine Rose, performed by beheld

Centering Moment – Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education & 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

*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 & Moment of Contemplation – Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Hymn of Response – “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade – led by Natasha Steinmacher

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” – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

Hymn – “Circle Round For Freedom” by Linda Hirschhorn – led by Natasha Steinmacher and Francisco Ruiz

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

Offertory – “Hold On” by Yola, performed by beheld

Benediction – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

Postlude - “Weaving Our Songs” arranged by Paul Winchester; music by David M. Glasgow, Alexa Sunshine Rose, Carolyn McDade, and Starhawk