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## *Spark of Creation*



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**HONOR EACH. ENRICH ALL.**

\*Hearing assistance devices are available from a Greeter.\*  
Please kindly silence your electronic devices.

“I’m past patiently waiting, I’m passionately/Smashing every expectation  
Every action’s an act of creation” -Lin Manuel Miranda, *Hamilton*

## GATHERING MUSIC & GONG

**PRELUDE** *Poem (1893)* by Zdenko Fibich; Carolyn McCreary, piano

**WELCOME** Mark Schwartzberg, President

**CHALICE LIGHTING** *Invitation* by Shel Silverstein; read by Jackie Davis

**CALL TO WORSHIP** by Annie Dillard; read by Bethany Poulin

**\*HYMN** *Spirit of Life* No. 123

## \*AFFIRMATION

Love is the doctrine of this church,  
the quest of truth is its sacrament,  
and service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek knowledge in freedom,  
to honor the earth,  
to serve human need,  
to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony  
with the sacred  
-- this do we affirm and covenant with each other.

**JOYS AND SORROWS** *Sharing Major Turning Points in Our Lives*

Please tell us your name and be brief. No announcements, please.  
(You may come forward in silence at any time during the service to light a candle  
and write a joy or concern in the book.)

**SINGING RESPONSE** *Draw the Circle Wide* by Gordon Light

Linda Goodman; Joe Pollock, guitar

*Draw the circle wide/Draw it wider still  
Let this be our song/ No one stands alone,  
Standing side by side/Draw the circle wide.*

(If there are other people you would like to include in our circle of care, you may call out their names while the music plays.)

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

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**STORY FOR ALL AGES** *Older than the Stars* by Karen C. Fox  
illustrated by Nancy Davis

**SINGING THE CHILDREN’S BLESSING** Jason Shelton, composer

*May your mind be open to new learning.  
May your lips bring truth into the world.  
May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice,  
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.*  
(Children and youth now leave for their Circles. Parents and restless infants may feel  
more comfortable listening to the service from the Nursery.)

**OFFERING WORDS** *Today’s offering will be shared with  
Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)*

**OFFERTORY** *God Help the Outcasts* by Alan Menken

**MEDITATION & PRAYER** *Ten Things Creative People Know*  
by Peggy Taylor & Charlie Murphy

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** *please remain seated during the singing response*

**SONG** *The Spark of Creation* by Stephen Schwartz  
from *Children of Eden*; sung by Sasha Kuftinec

**SERMON** *Spark of Creation (Part I)*

**SONG** *First You Dream* music: John Kander; lyrics: Fred Ebb  
from *Steel Pier*, sung by Jakov Schwartzberg

**SERMON** *Spark of Creation (Part II)*

**HYMN** *Morning Has Come* No. 1000, teal hymnal

**\*BENEDICTION** by Annie Dillard

## EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Go Forth* by E. Greenleaf

*Go forth into the world in peace, in peace.  
Be of good courage; hold fast that which is good.  
Go forth into the world in peace, in peace.  
Love all people, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.  
Go in peace.*

**POSTLUDE** *Allegro Burlesco* by Friedrich Kuhlau

We invite you to gather downstairs in Barnum Hall following our worship  
for coffee and conversation.