

Extinguishing the Chalice

In unison:

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour & Discussion of the Guest Speaker's Talk

Musical Notes

Prelude

The lyrics of "Rivers of Babylon" (Hymn #1042) are from Psalms 19 and 137. The song was written and recorded by the Jamaican reggae group, The Melodians. It appears on the soundtrack to the 1972 reggae movie "The Harder They Come". The song was popularized in Europe by Boney M's platinum recording in the 1978. That recording remains one of the top ten all-time best-selling singles in the UK.

First Hymn

"When Our Heart is in a Holy Place" (Hymn #1008) was written by Canadian UU songwriter Joyce Poley, who also wrote "One More Step" (Hymn #168).

Second Hymn

"There's a River Flowin' in My Soul" (Hymn #1007) was written by Rose Sanders, who was the first woman of African descent to become a judge in Alabama. In 2003 she abandoned her "slave name" and adopted the name Faya Ora Rose Touré.

Third Hymn

Barbara Zanotti who wrote the lyrics for "We'll Build a Land" (Hymn #121) is a peace activist living in Maine. The tune was written by Carolyn McDade, a feminist activist and songwriter, who attends the UU Community Church of Boston. The phrase "where justice rolls down like water" comes from Amos 5:24 of the Hebrew Bible, and was used by Martin Luther King, Jr. in his famous "I have a dream" speech; and it inspired the design of the Civil Rights Memorial by Maya Lin in Montgomery, Alabama.



The Egalitärer Minjan Frankfurt



Guest Speaker Rabbi Dr. Elisa Klapheck
Led by Darrel Moellendorf

Love is the doctrine of this church.
The quest for truth is its sacrament.
And service is its prayer.

Prelude

"Rivers of Babylon" (performed by Beate Monreal)

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

"We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope,
sign of our quest
for truth and meaning,
in celebration of the life we share together."

—Christine Robinson



First Hymn

"When Our Heart is in a Holy Place" (#1008, Singing the Journey)

First Reading (responsive)

Let us be at peace with our bodies and our minds. Let us return to ourselves.

Let us be aware of the source of being, common to us all and to all living things.

Evoking the presence of the Great Compassion, let us fill our hearts with our own compassion—toward ourselves and towards all living beings.

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to others.

With humility, with awareness of the existence of life, and of the sufferings that are going on around us, let us practice the establishment of peace in our hearts on earth.
Amen.

—Thích Nhất Hạnh

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Story for All Ages

"The Three Questions" (by Jon J. Muth)

In unison:

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you, everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

Offertory

Second Reading

"Let us open our minds and hearts to the place of quiet, to the silent prayer for the healing of pain, and the soft, gentle coming of love."

Meditation



Second Hymn

"There's a River Flowin' in my Soul" (#1007, Singing the Journey)

Guest Speaker

"The Egalitärer Minjan Frankfurt"

by Rabbi Dr. Elisa Klapheck



Third Hymn

"We'll Build a Land" (#121, Singing the Living Tradition)

Benediction

To live content with small means;

To seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion;

To be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich;

To study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly;

To listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open hearts;

To bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never.

To let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.

This is to be my symphony.

—William Henry Channing