

Meditation

Sermon

"Awakenings and Other Leaps of Faith"

by Terri J. Michos



Third Hymn

"Blue Boat Home" (#1064, Singing the Journey)

Benediction

Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere;
its temple, all space;
its shrine, the good heart;
its creed, all truth;
its ritual, works of love;
its profession of faith, divine living.

—Theodore Parker

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 Sermon



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

Prelude

"In Between" (by the Mark Zanter Trio)

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

"The light of the spirit is shining in you,
The light of the spirit is shining in me,
The light of the spirit is shining within,
So blessed we may be."

—Rev. Sarah Tinker ("The Light of the Spirit")



First Hymn

"Yonder Come Day" (Trad. African American or West Indies)

Yondeh come day, day is a-breakin,
Yondeh come day, o mah soul.
Yondeh come day, day is a-breakin,
Sun is a risin, in mah soul!

First Reading

"Small as is our whole system compared with the infinitude of creation,
brief as is our life compared with the cycles of time,
we are so tethered to all by the beautiful dependencies of law,
that not only the sparrow's fall is felt to the outermost bound,
but the vibrations set in motion by the words we utter reach through all space
and the tremor is felt through all time."

—Maria Mitchell (19th century Unitarian and astronomer)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Story for All Ages

"The Emperor's New Clothes" (by Hans Christian Andersen)

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 (responsive)

Out of the stars in their flight, out of the dust of eternity, here we have come,
Stardust and sunlight mingling through time and through space.

Out of the stars have we come, up from time;
Out of the stars have we come.

Time out of time before time in the vastness of space, earth spun to orbit the sun,
Earth with the thunder of mountains newborn, the boiling of the seas.

Earth warmed by sun, lit by sunlight: This is our home;
Out of the stars we have come.

Mystery hidden in mystery, back through all time;
Mystery rising from rocks in the storm and the sea.

Out of the stars, rising from rocks and the sea,
kindled by sunlight on earth, arose life.

Ponder this thing in your heart; ponder with awe:
Out of the sea to the land, out of the shallows came ferns.

Out of the sea to the land, up from darkness to light,
Rising to walk and to fly, out of the sea trembled life.

Ponder this thing in your heart, life up from sea:
Eyes to behold, throats to sing, mates to love.

Life from the sea, warmed by sun, washed by rain,
life from within, giving birth, rose to love.

This is the wonder of time; this is the marvel of space;
out of the stars swung the earth; life upon earth rose to love.

This is the marvel of life, rising to see and to know;
Out of your heart, cry wonder: sing that we live.

—Rev. Robert T. Weston ("Out of the Stars")



Second Hymn

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