



Sounding of the Gong

Prelude

What if a Day or a Month or a Year John Dowland
Christopher Allen, Lute

Welcome

Karen Rose Gredler, Worship Associate

Moment of Centering Silence

*Gathering Hymn

#162 • *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

*Opening Words

by the Rev. Rhys Williams

*Lighting of the Chalice

We light our flaming chalice
To illuminate the world we seek.
In the search for truth, may we be just;
In the search for justice, may we be loving;
And, in loving, may we find peace.
—the Rev. Elizabeth M. McMaster

*Exchange of Friendly Greetings

Message for All Ages

Symbols of Peace
with Kelly J. Crocker and Carin Bringelson

Singing the Children Out

#413 • *Go Now in Peace* (twice)
(Children may leave for classes)

*Hymn

#164 • *The Peace Not Past Our Understanding*

Reflections

Three Things by Jan Taddeo with Kelly J. Crocker
Peace My Heart by Rabindranath Tagore with Drew Collins

Musical Reflection

Lachrime Pavan John Dowland

Reflections

This Holiday Season by Addae A. Kraba with Carin Bringelson
If There is to be Peace by Lao-Tse with Doug Wadkins

Offertory

Toccatta Michelangelo Galilei
Today's 50/50 Outreach Offertory recipient is
Community Support Network. Please see the Red
Floors for more information.

Acknowledgements and Opportunities

Cares of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn

#388 • *Dona Nobis Pacem*

*Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude (*please be seated*)

Ballet Nicholas Vallet



* Please rise in body or spirit.
*9am Service: Please leave hymnals on your seat.

Unitarian Universalist Sources

The living tradition we share draws from many Sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit. use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Our Continuing Bond of Union

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring a religious organization in the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, which shall make integrity of life its first aim, and leave thought free, associate ourselves together as the First Unitarian Society of Madison and accept to its membership those of whatever theological opinion, who wish to unite with us in the promotion of truth, righteousness, reverence and charity among all.

Formulated in 1879, adapted and reaffirmed in 1980.

Doug E. Wadkins, Interim Senior Minister
Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Congregational Life
Carin Bringelson, Student Minister
Drew Collins, Music Director
Linda Warren, Assistant Music Director
Heather Thorpe, Director of Children & Youth Choirs
Monica Nolan, Executive Director
Leslie Ross, Director of Children's Religious Education
Janet Swanson, Director of Membership & Adult Programs
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“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

~ Mother Teresa



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