



Sounding of the Gong

Prelude (*Awe at the power of community*)

Prelude for two pianos

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Karlos & Melinda Moser, pianos

Welcome

Lori Creswell, Worship Associate

Moment of Centering Silence

Opening Words

by Anais Nin

***Chalice Lighting**

The past, present, and future mingle and pull us backward, forward, or fix us in the present. We are made of layers, cells, constellations.

***Exchange of Friendly Greetings**

***Ingathering Hymn**

#4 • *I Brought My Spirit to the Sea*

Message for All Ages

Here and Now by Julia Denos
illustrated by E.B. Goodale

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Joy

***Hymn** (*children may leave for classes*)

#118 • *This Little Light of Mine*

Reading

No One Tells You by Carey McDonald

read by Samantha Herndon, member of 20s/30s Group

Musical Meditation (*Awe at the beauty of nature*)

Moonlight on the terrace (from *CAPRICCIO*)

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Mr. & Ms. Moser

Reflections

“Transition, Awe, and Curiosity”

with Emily Smith, Co-Coordinator of 20s/30s Group

Guided Meditation

with Carin Bringelson, Intern Minister

Offering (*Awe at the joy in playfulness*)

Scaramouche

David Bishop (1950-2017)

Mr. & Ms. Moser

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Acknowledgments and Opportunities

Cares of the Congregation

***Closing Hymn**

#1064 • *Blue Boat Home*

***Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

Postlude (*Awe at the power of women*)

We come, las mujeres, today (from *Esperanza*)

Darius Milhaud (1892-1974)

arr. John Holzaepfel

Mr. & Ms. Moser



* Please rise in body or spirit.

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, Intern Minister
Drew Collins, Music Director
Linda Warren, Assistant Music Director
Heather Thorpe, Director of Children & Youth Choirs
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“Feel the weight of your body
and know that it is glorious.
You are born of soil and sun,
and all the heaviness of the
earth is a call to you.”

–Jess Reynolds



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Sunday, December 15, 2019
9 am & 11 am in the Atrium Auditorium