

“Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.”

— James Vila Blake

Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.



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Welcome to the Historic Unitarian Universalist Meeting House Nantucket Island

Open Doors

Open Minds

Open Hearts

Sunday, January 26th, 2025

2025 Annual Meeting

Rev. Dr. Althea Smith



**Founded in 1809
Second Congregational Meeting House Society
Unitarian Universalist**

Order of Service

Prelude Nigel Goss

Welcome/Opening Words Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Announcements

Chalice Lighting – A Shared Story* All

*For the stories
that long to be told and retold,
for the stories
that long to be imagined and reimagined,
for the stories
that long to be envisioned and celebrated,
we kindle this chalice.
May its flame bring the light
of different truths,
different paths
and different voices,
all needed to cultivate a transformative story
of justice, love and beauty.*
-Rev. Sandra Fees

Affirmation All

*Love is the doctrine of this church
Our faith in each other is its sacrament
Working for justice and living with compassion is its prayer.
Reverently, we covenant together
to side with love, to heal and not to harm,
and to share hope with each other and with the world.*

Greeting One Another All

Hymn #318 We Would Be One All

Meditation Rev. Althea

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life All

Joys and Concerns All

Reflection Annual Meeting Rev. Althea

Our Gifts We Bring Rev. Althea

Offertory - Like A Little Duck UU Meeting House Choir
-- Heidi Wilson

Doxology All

*From all that dwells below the skies,
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through every land by every tongue
Amen*

Hymn # 134 Our World Is One World All

Extinguishing the Chalice All

*Each of us was created in the image of Love.
Wherever we come from, wherever we're going.
Whoever we are, whomever we love.
We proclaim with Love on our side:
Our bodies are sacred.
Our minds are blessed.
Our spirits are beloved.
May we be open to receiving more love,
Always more Love.*
-Karishma Gottfried

Blessing Rev. Althea

Sunday Morning Participants

Sunday Service Leader – Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Music Director – Nigel Goss

The UU Meeting House Choir

Youth and Children's Program Director - Leyah Jensen

Tech Assistant – Deirdre Duffy

We Would Be One

$\text{♩} = 69$

1. We would be one as now we join in sing-ing
2. We would be one in build-ing for to - mor - row

our hymn of love, to pledge our - selves a - new
a no - bler world than we have known to - day.

to that high cause of great - er un - der - stand - ing
We would be one in search - ing for that mean - ing

of who we are, and what in us is true.
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.

⊕ Words: Samuel Anthony Wright, 1919-
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933,
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We would be one in liv - ing for each oth - er
As one, we pledge our - selves to great - er ser - vice,

to show to all a new com - mu - ni - ty.
with love and jus - tice, strive to make us free.

Spirit of Life

123

♩ = 56 Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 56. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of Life, come un-to me. Sing in my heart all the stir-rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing life the shape of jus-tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, supporting the vocal melody.

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LOVE AND COMPASSION

134 Our World Is One World

$\text{♩} = 56$ Unison

1. Our world is one world: what touch - es
 2. Our world is one world: the thoughts we
 3. Our world is one world: its ways of
 4. Our world is one world, just like a

one af - fects us all: the seas that wash us
 think af - fect us all: the way we build our
 wealth af - fect us all: the way we spend, the
 ship that bears us all: where fear and greed make

round a - bout, the clouds that cov - er
 at - ti - tudes, with love or hate, we
 way we share, who are the rich or
 man - y holes, but where our hearts can

us, the rains that fall.
 make a bridge or wall.
 poor, who stand or fall?
 hear a dif - ferent call.

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