

“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 5th, 2025

UU The Big Tent

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.*

-Lucas Hergert

Greeting One Another

All

Hymn - #188 Come, Come Whoever You Are All

Story for All Ages *Hooray for She, He, Ze, and They* Leyah Jensen
Written by Lindz Amer, Illustrated by Kip Alizadeh

Children's Blessing All

*"Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the light of love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go"*

Meditation on Breathing #1009 Rev. Althea & Nigel

Meditation Rev. Althea

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life All

Joys and Concerns All

Hymn # 128 For All That is Our Life All

Reflection UU The Big Tent Rev. Althea

Our Gifts We Bring Rev. Althea

Offertory - Winter Song Amanda Torchia & Libby Veillieux
-by Ingrid Michaelson and Sara Bareilles

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 and every tongue
Amen*

Hymn #149 Lift Every Voice and Sing All

Extinguishing the Chalice *Love Remains the Center* All

*We extinguish this flame to remind us:
love is the center.*

*As we explore and rest, engage and heal:
love remains the center.*

When all we can see is cold ashes:

love remains.

-Eric Hepburn

Blessing Rev. Althea

Postlude – I Dream Of Poppies Amanda Torchia & Libby Veillieux
by Jennifer Jones

Sunday Morning Participants

Sunday Service Leader – Rev. Dr. Althea Smith
Guest Musicians – Amanda Torchia and Libby Veillieux
Youth and Children's Program Director - Leyah Jensen
Tech Assistant – Deirdre Duffy

proph-et tongues out - rang it till sleep-ing na-tions woke.
 or - a - cles of Con-cord one ho - ly word de - clare.
 laws but catch the mu - sic of its e - ter - nal chime.

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

188

d. = 56 *(m)*
 ① *Fm Eb Fm Eb*

Come, come, who - ev - er you are, wan - der - er,
Bb Eb Fm ③ *Eb Fm*
 wor - ship - er, lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van
Eb Fm Eb ④ *Fm*
 of de - spair. Come, yet a - gain come.

Words: Adapt. from Rumi, 1207-1273
 ⊕ Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, 1963-

PILGRIMAGE
Irregular

Meditation on Breathing

1009

♩ = 96

(Melody) C Am F C

When I breathe in, _____ I'll breathe in peace. — When I breathe

(Descant)

When I breathe in, — I'll — breathe in peace. —

(Drone)

Breathe in, Breathe out,

C Am F Fine C

out, _____ I'll breathe out love. — When I breathe

(Descant) Fine

When I breathe out, — I'll — breathe out love. —

(Drone) Fine

Breathe in, Breathe out

(Piano) Fine

Spirit of Life

123

$\text{♩} = 56$ *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 quarter note = 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 provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing
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Words & music: Carolyn McDade, 1935- , © 1981 Carolyn McDade,
⊕ harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren, 1939- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist
Association

SPIRIT OF LIFE
8.12.8.12.8.10.

LOVE AND COMPASSION

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. For
2. For
3. For
4. For

all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for
needs which oth - ers serve, for ser - vic - es we give, for
sor - row we must bear, for fail - ures, pain, and loss, for
all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for

all life is a gift which we are called to use to
work and its re - wards, for hours of rest and love; we
each new thing we learn, for fear - ful hours that pass: we
all life is a gift which we are called to use to

⊕ Words: Bruce Findlow, 1922-
Music: Patrick L. Rickey, 1964- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

SHERMAN ISLAND
6.6.6.6.6.6.



build the com - mon good and
come with praise and thanks for
come with praise and thanks for
build the com - mon good and

1.-3.
make our own days glad.
all that is our life.
all that is our life.
make our own days

4.
glad.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born er -
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on had the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954,
 © 1921 Edward B. Marks Music Co., renewed

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irregular

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our
 met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the
 path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.