"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

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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

Extinguishing the Chalice *Love Remains the Center* All

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

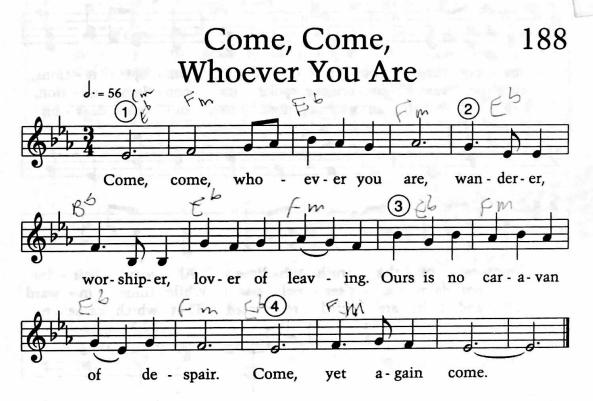
Blessing Rev. Althea

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





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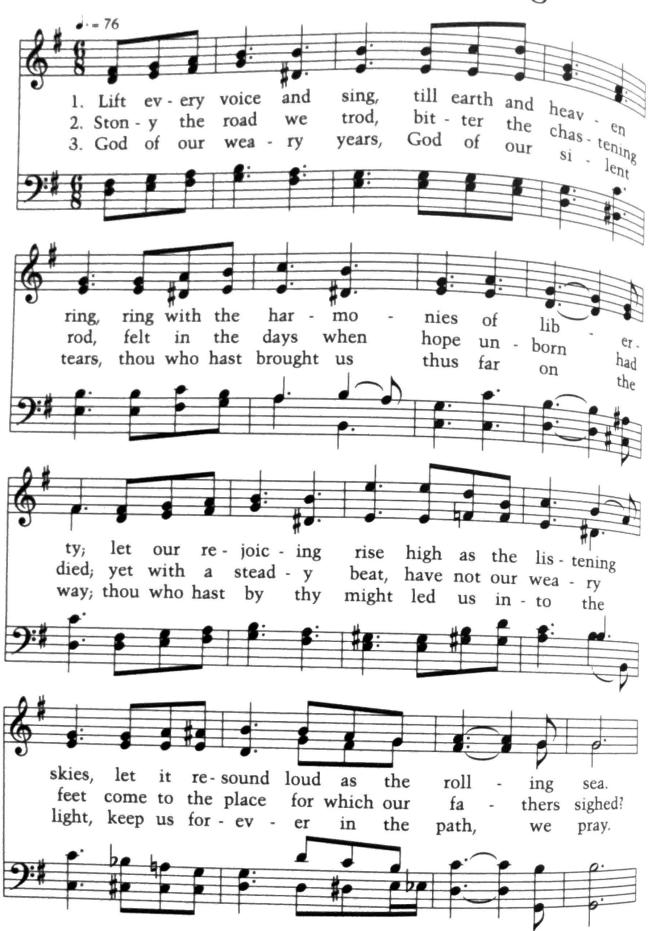


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