

# Democracy as Theology



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# ***Democracy as Theology***

Order of Service

July 4, 2021

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“Democracy is not just the right to vote, it is the right to live in dignity.”

- Naomi Klein

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Associate

Chime

Opening Music (video)

*State of Our Union*  
by Katie Grigg Miller

Call to Worship

Heidi Shaffer Bish

Opening Hymn

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Chalice Lighting and Covenant

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.

Covenant Response Hymn

#155 *Circle Round for Freedom*

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence  
Sharing our sorrows and concerns  
Pastoral prayer  
Sharing our joys

Time for All Ages: Part I

*The Three Villages*  
by Rev. Renee Ruchotzke  
Randy Bish and Heidi Shaffer Bish

Reflection

*Roots of American Democracy*  
Dr. Vivien Sandlund

Reflection (video)	<i>Modern Threats to Democracy</i> Dr. Lis Regula
Music Meditation	<i>Whose Democracy?</i> by Hal Walker
Reflection (video)	<i>Beyond Democracy?</i> Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Time for All Ages: Part II	<i>The Three Villages</i>

### Returning

Offering	<i>Circle Round for Freedom Instrumental</i>
Extinguishing the Chalice	
We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.	
Closing Hymn	<i>Everybody In</i> by Peter Mayer
Benediction	Heidi Shaffer Bish
Song of Blessing and Sending	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee Hour	



Next Sunday, July 11, 2021  
*The Hard Truth about our Search for Truth*  
 Led by Rev. Christie Anderson and Worship Associate Kathy Kerns

**VISITORS** - Welcome! We are glad you are here. Thank you for participating in worship with us today. We hope that you will find a spiritual home here and that you will be enriched in the liberal religious practice and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The members of this church take pride in the fact that we embrace people of all races, ethnicities, ages, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities. In addition, we are a "Welcoming Congregation," which means that we have taken part in a special program, designed by the UUA, for congregations that see a need to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people. The principles and purposes of the UUA, which we "covenant to affirm and promote," can be found in the front of the hymnal, on the UUA website ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

**We are concerned for everyone's safety.** If we need to evacuate the building for a fire, a drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and guardians should look for their children on the grassy area behind the Annex and should not go to the classrooms. People with mobility concerns or other special needs should proceed to the entryway where evacuation assistance will be available.

**OUR SUNDAY SERVICE is offered at 10 AM via Zoom. Visit [kentuu.org](http://kentuu.org) for information to join the service.**

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### **#118 *This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

### **#155 *Circle "Round for Freedom***

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,  
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,  
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,  
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.