

Get On Board the Freedom Train

Order of Service August 1, 2021

I read in the papers about the Freedom Train I heard on the radio about the Freedom Train I seen folks talking about the Freedom Train Lord, I've been a-waitin for the Freedom Train!

—Langston Hughes

Gathering

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude Instrumental, Hal Walker

Call to Worship Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn #153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

Chalice Lighting

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Response Hymn #407 We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation Instrumental, Hal Walker

Time For All Ages

Desmond Gets Free
by Matt Meyer, illustrated by Khim Fam
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reading: Part I Freedom Train, by Langston Hughes

Kathy Kerns

Sermon: Part I Looking for the Freedom Train

Rev. Steven Protzman

Hymn of Longing #1017 Building a New Way, adapted

Reading: Part II Freedom Train, by Langston Hughes

Kathy Kerns

Sermon: Part II Get On Board the Freedom Train

Rev. Steven Protzman

Returning

Offering Instrumental, Hal Walker

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 #116 I'm On My Way

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending Go On Your Way in Peace

by Hal Walker

Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



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), 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 for information to join the service.

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#153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Halleluia.

I was walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom. Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom. Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Halleluia.

I was singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom. Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom. Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Halleluia.

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Halleluia.

#407 We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

We're gonna sit at the welcome table.
We're gonna sit at the welcome table
one of these days, hallelujah!
We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

All kinds of people around that table.
All kinds of people around that table one of these days, hallelujah!
All kinds of people around that table, gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

No fancy style at the welcome table. No fancy style at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah! No fancy style at the welcome table, gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

#1017 Building a New Way, adapted

We are seeking a new way. We are seeking a new way. We are seeking a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day. We are seeking a new way.

We are yearning to be free. We are yearning to be free. We are yearning to be free of hate and greed and jealousy. We are yearning to be free.

We can feed our every need. We can feed our every need. We can feed our every need. Start with love, that is the seed. We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Peace and freedom is our cry.
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

#116 I'm On My Way

I'm on my way to the freedom land.
I'm on my way to the freedom land.
I'm on my way to the freedom land.
I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

If they say no, I'll go anyhow.
If they say no, I'll go anyhow.
If they say no, I'll go anyhow.
I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.