

# Legacy of Love

### Order of Service

January 14, 2024

Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Gathering

Music for Gathering

Benjamin Pritchard, piano

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*MLK* song by U2 UU Church of Kent Peace Chorus

Call to Worship

Colleen Thoele Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves To treat all people kindly Because they are our siblings; To take good care of the earth Because it is our home; To live lives full of goodness and love Because that is how we will make our world The best place it can be.

Opening Hymn

We Shall Be Known by MaMuse

## Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe Music Meditation (video)

Shine on Me led by Melanie DeMore

Social Justice Awards

Justice Hymn

**Reflections on Justice January** 

Andrew Rome and Vivien Sandlund Social Justice Committee

#1017 Building a New Way

UUCK Children and Youth

## Returning

Offering

Be Good by Carsie Blanton

Responsive Reading (insert)

the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Angela Herrera

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

Draw the Circle Wide words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller

Benediction



Next Sunday, January 21, 2024 Held by Love Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

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Sunday	Jan. 18	Thursday
	6:45 PM	Board of Trustees
Town Hall	7:00 PM	Thursday Covenant Group
Social Hour	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service Feedback Session
Hobbs Hall Reserved		(on Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Sacred Song Circle
Monday		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Service Feedback Session		Friday
(on Zoom)	8:00 AM	Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
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Committee on Shared Ministry	Jan. 21	Sunday
Wednesdav	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Social Hour
Tech Team		
Peace Choir Rehearsal		
	Social Hour Hobbs Hall Reserved <u>Monday</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service Feedback Session (on Zoom) <u>Tuesday</u> Staff Meeting Rental: Fessenden Hall Tone Chimes Rehearsal Committee on Shared Ministry <u>Wednesday</u> Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point Tech Team	Worship 6:45 PM   Town Hall 7:00 PM   Social Hour 7:00 PM   Hobbs Hall Reserved 7:00 PM   Monday 7:00 PM   Image: Service Feedback Session (on Zoom) 3:00 AM   Staff Meeting Jan. 20   Rental: Fessenden Hall 8:00 AM   Tone Chimes Rehearsal 10:00 AM   Committee on Shared Ministry Jan. 21   Wednesday 10:00 AM   Fich Team 11:00 AM

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## We Shall Be Known

by MaMuse www.mamuse.org

We shall be known by the company we keep By the ones who circle round to tend these fires We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive It is time we lead ourselves into the well It is time now, and what a time to be alive In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

(Repeat)

## #1017 Building a New Way

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

We are working to be free. We are working to be free. We are working to be free of hate and greed and jealousy. We are working 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. Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry. Without these this world will die. Peace and freedom is our cry.

## **Responsive Reading**

the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Angela Herrera

- Leader: We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.
- All: From our life's journey, We join as one community, One body of people, Together on the side of love.
- Leader: Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.
- All: We bring our gifts of compassion and care, our hopes for the future, we bring our dream of peace, Together on the side of love.
- Leader: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted.
- All: In covenant together, we answer a call of justice, speaking out against oppression, Together on the side of love.
- Leader: Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world...The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise, we must choose in this crucial moment of human history.
- All: Let us have the courage to go out into the world, Let us dedicate our lives to changing the world, Let us join together in the struggle, Together on the side of love.

## Draw the Circle Wide

words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide Draw the circle, draw the circle wide No one is alone, we'll be side by side Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still Let this be our song, no one is alone We'll be side by side Draw the circle, draw the circle wide