



Individualism in Community

with

Reverend Roberta Finkelstein

“Beloveds, we are called to communal care like never before—to serve one another, to organize for justice, to widen the circle of concern, to collectively imagine new ways forward in community, and to grow spiritually together. Our nation and our denomination are experiencing immense ideological struggles. Our congregations worry for their future existence, and our religious professionals and lay leaders are worn down to the bone. Yet ours is the work of hope in the world, where Unitarian Universalism commits itself to a liberal and liberating message for our time.”

Rev. Dr Sofia Betancourt, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Liz Loucks

We Hold Hope Close by Theresa I. Soto

Hymn *When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place*

#1008

Candles of Joy and Concerns

Liz Loucks

Hymn Response *Spirit of Life* (while seated)

#123

Prayer *Snowflakes: A Guide* by Theresa I. Soto

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Offering

Liz Loucks

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Reading

A Charm for Hope: A String by Theresa I Soto

Sermon *Individualism in Community*

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Hymn *We'll Build a Land*

#121

Benediction/Blessing

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Bring Your Broken Hallelujah Here by Theresa I. Soto

UU ministry is a second career for Rev. Roberta Finkelstein. She also has two degrees in nursing, a field where her special concentration was midwifery. She worked with high-risk pregnancies among adolescents in Washington, D.C. As a minister she has served several congregations as their settled minister and also seven congregations in transition. She is an accredited interim minister and has written extensively on transitional ministry. She and her husband, Barry, now doting grandparents, have been pledging Friends of UUSMV for many years.

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Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval, Susan Desmarais) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling:

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