



Making a Just Heritage

“Some people are your relatives, but others are your ancestors, and you choose the ones you want to have as ancestors. You create yourself out of [their] values.” — Ralph Ellison

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Sheila Hanley

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Sheila Hanley

Words by Wendell Berry

We clasp the hands of those who go before us
And the hands of those who come after us.
We enter the circle of each other's arms
And the larger circle of lovers whose hands are joined in a dance.
And the larger circle of all creatures,
Passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance,
To a music so subtle and so vast that no ear hears it
Except in fragments.

Hymn *We Would be One*

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Time for All Ages

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Candles of Joy and Concern

Hymn *Spirit of Life* (seated)

#123

Prayer

This prayer comes from a liturgy designed to celebrate Indigenous People's Day. It is the combined effort of the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and an Episcopal Diocese

Let us come together now in prayer, recognizing brokenness suffered,
wounds not yet healed, and our hope for peace and restoration.
O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related, call us to the kinship of all people. Grant us vision to see through the lens of justice, the brokenness of the past.

Offering

Sheila Hanley

Offertory Music

Jeremy Berlin

Sermon *Playing with the Italians*

written by Edward Frost, read by Rita Brown

Hymn *We Laugh, We Cry* (verses 1 & 3)

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Benediction/Blessing

Words by Linda Hogan

Walking, I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands.

Thank you to the Men's Group for providing refreshments and service support and Laura Beebe for volunteering to provide visual arts for today's service.

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: Jan Casey (508-942-3643), Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542), Kevin Longval (781-249-4712), Susan Desmarais (508-939-1350) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

An Announcement About Announcements

Thank you everyone for taking part in our month-long trial of no announcements prior to the start of Sunday service. Based on the feedback we've received, we're going to proceed as follows:

Option A) Should you have an announcement, we encourage you to submit it in writing to Ann, our Administrator, prior to Friday so that it may appear in the Friday Newsletter and in print on the back of the Order of Service.

Option B) If you believe your announcement must be shared in-person on Sunday, then please contact Chris Seidel of the Worship Committee as far in advance as possible. The Worship Committee will then weave your announcement, if possible, into the body of the service.

Option C) If you have a last-minute need to make an announcement in-person on Sunday, then you must discuss it with the Worship Host by 9:50am. The host will then decide how to incorporate your announcement into the service.

For now, we will refrain from showing the announcements as a slideshow on the TV screen and Zoom.

Thank you,

UUSMV Worship Committee (Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie, Sheila Hanley - Parish Committee Liaison, Liz Loucks, Linda Moffat, Peter Palches, Chris Seidel)

