January Soul Matters Theme is Living with Intention

Justifying Our Means and Ends

Sunday, January 9 - 10:15 am
Youtube Livestream

Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Worship Service.
Please feel free to participate from home with your family and
join in full-throated singing!

Ringing the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading *Where Life Sends You* by Theresa I. Soto

Introit *L'Empressée* by Jean-François Dandrieu Gregory Shifrin, piano

Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting by Rebekah Savage

The Caring Team lights the chalice with gratitude for those who give and receive care in our community and with an invitation to join the effort.

We light our flaming chalice as a beloved people
united in love and thirsting for restorative justice.
May it melt away the tethers that uphold whiteness in our midst.
May it spark in us a spirit of humility.
May it ignite in us radical love that transforms our energy into purposeful action.
This is a chalice of audacious hope.
This chalice shines a light on our shared past,
Signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely,
and move boldly toward our highest ideals.

***Covenant** by James Vila Blake

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.

Greeting One Another

***Hymn No. 298** *Wake, Now, My Senses* (verses 1, 4, & 5)
Kiley Korey, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
Feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep, with the web of creation your vow,

Giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
Join with all people whose rights are denied;
Take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling with all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Message for All Ages *Stone Soup* Olivia Behr, guest storyteller

Sung Response Hymn No. 118 *This Little Light of Mine*
Betsy Godwin, Bridget Wild, Teddy Kornfeld, Gillian Lawrence, Dan Lawrence, Sydney Lawrence, Fiona Lawrence, Carolyn Leman, Hope Leman, Kristin Lems, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer & Meditation by Gordon McKeeman Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Sung Response Hymn No. 184 *Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves*
Kiley Korey, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Be ye lamps unto yourselves;
Be your own confidence;
Hold to the truth within yourselves
As to the only lamp.

Offering

Today's offering will be shared with the Community Renewal Society. CRS informs and brings people of faith and congregations together, in partnership with communities, coalitions, interfaith organizations, and civic leaders, to intentionally and decisively transform society toward greater social justice at the intersection of racism and poverty.

Offertory Music *Nocturne in B Major (op.32 #1)* by Frederic Chopin Gregory Shifrin, piano

Reading *New Day's Lyric* by Amanda Gorman

Anthem *Today I'm Gonna Try and Change the World* by Johnny Reid
Kera and Jon Beskin, vocals and guitar

Sermon Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Extinguishing the Chalice

Though the flame is extinguished
We carry with us the warmth of community,
The light of truth, and
The fire of commitment,
Until we are together again.

Hymn No. 1028 *Fire of Commitment* (verses 1 & 3)
Kiley Korey, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free, Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty. (Chorus)

Benediction from Howard Thurman Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Outro *#1 from Kinderszenen op.15* by Robert Schumann Gregory Shifrin, piano

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister;* Lynn Kendall, *Worship Associate*; Olivia Behr, *Guest Storyteller;* Kera and Jon Beskin, *guest performers;* Kiley Korey, *hymn leader;* Gregory Shifrin, *piano*; Adam Gough, *Congregational Life Assistant & A/V Tech*.

* Please rise in body or spirit. We invite you to sing along from home.

Please join us for Kinship Time on Zoom following the service. Following Kinship time, please join us for the following events today:

- Kinship Time followed by Storytelling Workshop with Olivia Behr on Zoom. Click here to join.
- An All-Ages Nature Walk & Gnome Hunt at Emily Oaks in Skokie at 12:30 pm.
- Conversation about Long Term Care with Evanston Ombudsman, Candice Mitchell on Zoom at 1 pm. Click here to join.