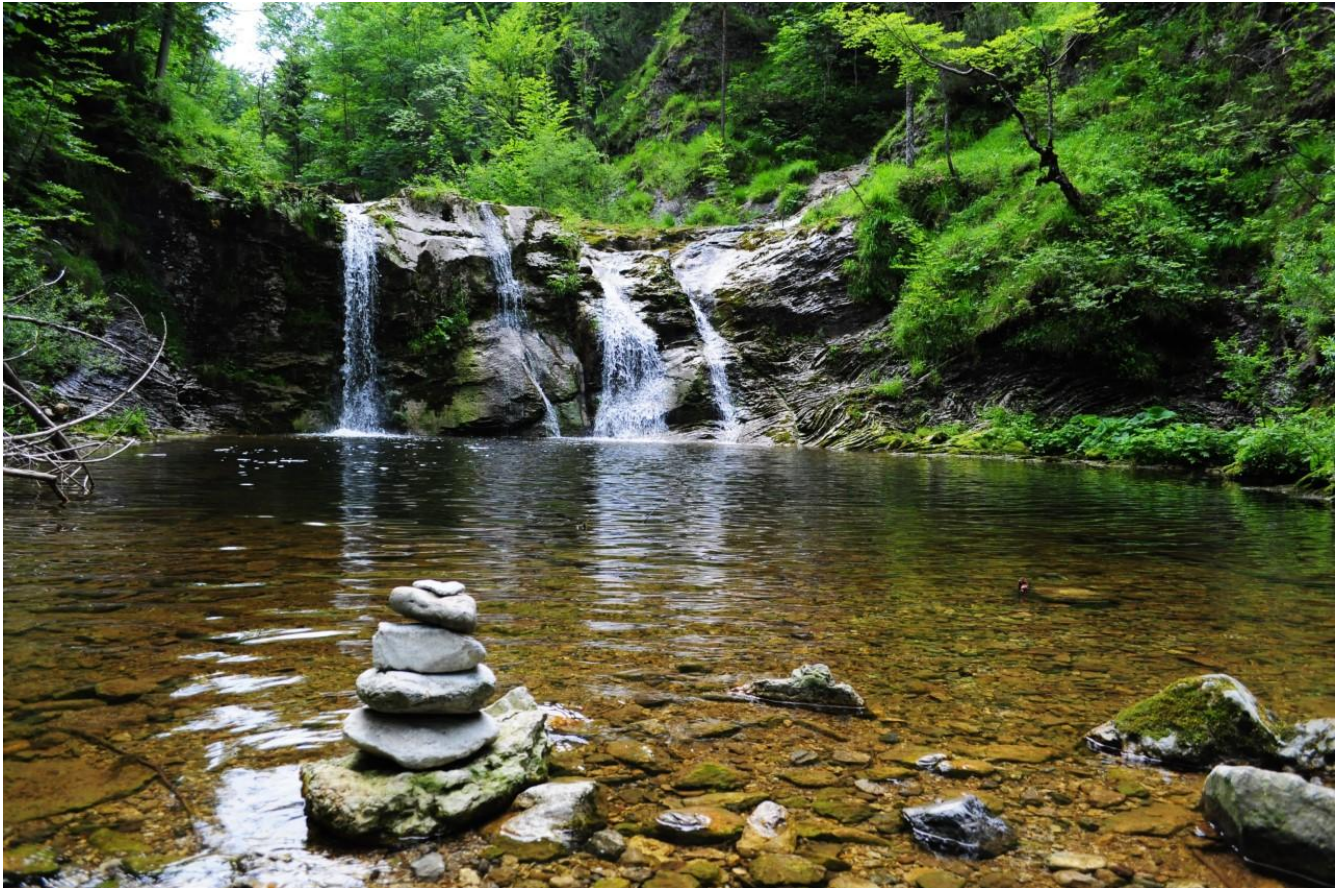


February Soul Matters Theme is Widening the Circle



## ***Reflections on Risk and Innovation***

Sunday, February 20 - 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!

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## Ringing the Chime

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Reading

*Toward a Place of Wholeness* by Rev. Viola Abbitt

### Introit

“With So Little To Be Sure Of” from *Anyone Can Whistle* by Stephen Sondheim  
McKinley Carter, vocals; Dustin Pappin, piano

## Land Acknowledgement

### Chalice Lighting

by Paul Robeson

I shall take my voice wherever there are those who want to hear  
The melody of freedom or the words that might inspire  
Hope and courage in the face of despair and fear.  
My weapons are peaceful,  
For it is only by peace that peace can be attained.  
The song of freedom must prevail.

### \*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. 131

*Love Will Guide Us*

Jenn Wisegarver, vocals;  
Gregory Shifrin, piano

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way on the road  
from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands, you can give from  
deep within you. You can change the world with your love.

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from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

**Story/Time for All Ages**

*The Stream*, retelling by Margaret Silf of a traditional story

**\*Hymn No. 395**

*Sing and Rejoice*

Jenn Wisegarver, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Sing and rejoice. Sing and rejoice.  
Let all things living now sing and rejoice.  
  
Sing and rejoice. Sing and rejoice.  
Let all things living now sing and rejoice.

**Joys and Sorrows****Prayer & Meditation****Sung Response Hymn No. 1009**

*Meditation on Breathing* (all parts)

Jenn Wisegarver, Eileen Wiviott, and Carla Williams, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

When I breathe in,  
I'll breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out,  
I'll breathe out love.  
  
Breathe in, Breathe out,  
Breathe in, Breathe out.

**Offering**

Today's offering will be shared with Assata's Daughters, a Black women and gender-nonconforming-led, young people-focused abolitionist organization rooted in the Black Radical Tradition. They organize Black young people on Chicago's South Side, address survival needs, help them develop leadership skills, and provide a place of hope. Please check out the newsletter and the REAL postings on Realm for other ways to help the organization as well.

**Offertory Music**

"A Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman* by Beni Pasek & Justin Paul;  
arranged by Jon Schmidt and Al van der Beek  
Gregory Shifrin, piano

**Reading**

*The Ghosts of UCE Presidents Past, Present, and Future*

Joe Romeo, Jessica Tomell-Presto, Carla Williams

**Anthem**

*Sarabande in A Minor (Sonata for Flute)* by J. S. Bach

Lane Deamant, flute

**Reflections**

*Cultural Humility*

Lane Deamant

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

by Joseph M. Cherry

If we have any hope of transforming the world and changing ourselves,  
We must be  
Bold enough to step into our discomfort,  
Brave enough to be clumsy there,  
Loving enough to forgive ourselves and others.

May we, as a people of faith, be granted the strength to be  
So bold,  
So brave,  
And so loving.

**Hymn No. 1028**

*Fire of Commitment*

Jenn Wisegarver, 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 ablaze  
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.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

**Benediction**

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

**Today's worship leaders:** Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister*; Kathy Underwood, *Director of Faith Formation*; Lane Deamant, Joe Romeo, Jessica Tomell-Presto, Carla Williams, *Worship Contributors*; Jenn Wisegarver, *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 following the service in the back of the sanctuary. Following Kinship time, please join us for the following events for all ages today:

- Forum Discussion Group - Rm 6 & Zoom. [Click here to join.](#)
- Widening the Circle of Concern Small Group Conversations - Sanctuary & Zoom. [Click here to join.](#)