

Response to the Election
December 1st 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING WORDS: Well... Here we Are

CHALICE LIGHTING: Oberlin UU Fellowship

We light this chalice to find inner peace,

love for each other, and faith in ourselves.

Also, to be welcoming to whomever we meet

and kind to all living creatures. So gather around

this light of hope as we share this time.

OPENING HYMN:* SLT #346 Come Sing a Song

STORY FOR ALL AGES:

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace, Let the

Spirit of Love Surround you, Everywhere,

Everywhere, You May Go.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for

truth its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To

dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in

freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the

end that all souls shall grow into harmony with

the Divine: thus do we covenant with each other

and with God.

CENTERING HYMN: SLT #123 Spirit of Life

PRAYER: by Carol Thomas Cissel

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE

SERMON: Response to the Election

OFFERTORY WORDS: The Power of an Anthem

DOXOLOGY:*

From all that dwell below the skies

Let songs of love and faith arise

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung

Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE:* E.S. Jones

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth

the warmth of community, or the fire of

commitment. These we carry in our hearts,

until we are together again.

CLOSING HYMN:* #323 Break Not the Circle

**(the hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)*

BENEDICTION:* In a World Filled with Hate

POSTLUDE:

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Please join us for refreshments downstairs
immediately after the service**

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Unitarian Universalists have many ways of articulating our seven Principles in simpler language. Here's the way our Tapestry of Faith children's programs describe them:

1st Principle: We believe that each and every person is important.

2nd Principle: We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

3rd Principle: We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

4th Principle: We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

5th Principle: We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.

6th Principle: We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

7th Principle: We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.

The First Parish Church The Unitarian Universalist Church

On the Common, Billerica Massachusetts



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