

Loved into Being order of service

“Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.”
—Zora Neale Hurston

Prelude “Don’t Be Discouraged/Hold On” by Glen Ballard and Chynna Phillips, arr. Trey McLaughlin. (©ASCAP/BMI)
Sung by the Women’s 8 of All Souls DC: Juliene James, Loyce Pace, Norah Quinn McCormick, Rochelle Rice, A. Tianna Scozarro, Melinda St. Louis, Jennie Wasserman, and Jen Hayman, director and accompanist.

Welcome Rev. Erika Hewitt and Rev. Vail Weller

Chalice Lighting Rev. Chris Long, Rev. Vail Weller, Jen Hayman, Rev. Erika Hewitt, Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Story “Madam Modifuss,” as told by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Musical Interlude “Sometimes I Cry” by Chris Stapleton. (©ASCAP/BMI) Shacara Rogers, vocals; John Lee, guitar.

Prayer and Ritual Rev. Chris Long

Reading & Reflection Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, reflecting on the words of Bernard Loomer

Musical Interlude “Love’s Divine” by Mark Batson and Sealhenry Samuel. (©BMG) Rochelle Rice, vocals; Todd Simon, piano; Romeir Mendez, bass; Dante Pope, drums; and the Loved Into Being virtual choir, directed by Jen Hayman



Sermon Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Vail Weller

Music “Rise Up (for Something)” by Andra Day. (©ASCAP) Nicole Rumeau, lead vocals; youth soloists; Todd Simon, piano; Romeir Mendez, bass; Dante Pope, drums; and the Loved Into Being virtual choir, directed by Jen Hayman.

Sending Forth Rev. Vail Weller, Rev. Erika Hewitt, Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, Rev. Chris Long, Jen Hayman, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Postlude “Nina Cried Power” by Andrew Hozier Byrne. (©BMI) Performed by the All Souls UU DC choir. Rochelle Rice and Shacara Rogers, soloists; Gordon Kent, piano; Corey Null, bass; Dante Pope, drums.

Worship Team

Click through for more complete biographies of our collaborative participants:

- As President of our Unitarian Universalist Association, [Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray](#) (she/her) is responsible for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. She also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA.
- [Jen Hayman](#) (she/her) is the Director of Music and Arts at All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC.
- [Rev. Erika Hewitt](#) (she/her) serves as the UUA’s Minister of Worship Arts, and is the coordinator of this service.
- [Rev. Chris Long](#) (he/him) is currently the Assistant Minister at Community Church of New York.
- [Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons](#) (she/her) is a Cuban-American UU minister passionate about liberation and freedom of expression.
- [Rev. Vail Weller](#) (she/her) is the UUA’s Congregational Giving Director, which means she oversees the Annual Program Fund that encourages congregations to support other congregations through covenantal giving to the Association.

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- Community Church of New York
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- Ted Resnikoff, UUA editing

[Learn more](#) about theologian Bernard Loomer (1912-1985).