

Sunday, July 19, 2026 · Summer Worship

“Embracing the Human and Touching Grass”

Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, service leader | Nicky Klemens, worship associate
Rosemarie LoBasso, pianist | Kathy Williams, hymn leader

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC	Canon in D ~Johann Pachelbel	Rosemarie LoBasso, piano
GATHERING HYMN	#1017 Building a New Way	
WELCOME		Nicky Klemens
OPENING WORDS		Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason
CHALICE LIGHTING	We light this chalice to remind ourselves to slow down, be present, and notice the simple things. May its small light bring warmth to our space, quiet to our minds, and kindness to our hearts.	Nicky
HYMN	#288 All Are Architects	
OFFERING		Nicky
OFFERTORY	Sicilienne ~Gabriel Faure	Rosemarie
TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION		
PRAYER & MOMENT OF QUIET		Rev. Kelly
JOYS, SORROWS, AND MILESTONES		Nicky
READING	#659 For You ~Walt Whitman (See reverse)	Nicky
MUSICAL REFLECTION	Ave Verum Corpus ~Amadeus Mozart	Rosemarie
SERMON	“Embracing the Human and Touching Grass”	Rev. Kelly
HYMN	#1028 Fire of Commitment	
CLOSING		Nicky
CHALICE EXTINGUISHING	Birch Cue	Nicky
As we extinguish our chalice, take this as an invitation to imagine how wide this world can be...		
Take this as an invitation to remember a critical truth that none of us have it all figured out.		
That we help one another grow and change.		
Take this as an invitation to cross thresholds of challenge. Not on our own.		
Not for ourselves alone. But side by side. Spirits rising and expanding together...		
BENEDICTION		Rev. Kelly
CLOSING MUSIC	Ode to Joy (Jazz arrangement) ~Beethoven	Rosemarie

Reading #659 For You ~Walt Whitman

The sum of all known reverence I add up in you, whoever you are;
Those who govern are there for you, it is not you who are there for them;

All architecture is what you do to it when you look upon it;
All music is what awakes from you when you are reminded by the instruments;

The sun and stars that float in the open air; the apple-shaped earth and we upon it;
The endless pride and outstretching of people; unspeakable joys and sorrows;

The wonder everyone sees in everyone else they see, and the wonders that fill each minute of time forever;
It is for you whoever you are -- it is no farther from you than your hearing and sight are from you; it is hinted by nearest, commonest, readiest.

We consider bibles and religions divine -- I do not say they are not divine; I say they have all grown out of you, and may grow out of you still;
It is not they who give the life -- it is you who give the life.

Will you seek afar off? You surely come back at last, in things best known to you, finding the best, or as good as the best --
Happiness, knowledge, not in another place, but this place -- not for another hour, but this hour.

Upcoming Sunday Services

Jul 26 ~ Terri Kung, CUUC member – “Move Me”

Aug 2 ~ Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, CUUC Community Minister, "Just Us: Lessons from the City of Angels"

CUUC Calendar

Mon Jul 20 - 10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen)

Tue Jul 21- 6am Movie Rental (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary & Parking Lot); 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 8pm RE PlaceKeeping Meeting (Zoom 2210)

Wed Jul 22 - 6:30pm Worship Associate Team Planning (Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131); 7:30pm SPARC Meeting (Zoom 3131)

Thu Jul 23 - 11:30am Science & Spirituality (Fireside Area & Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)

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Lyrics

##1017 Building a New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry

#288 All Are Architects

1 All are architects of fate, working in these walls of time;
some with massive deeds and great, some with ornaments of rhyme.

2 For the structure that we raise time is with materials filled;
our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build.

3 Build today, then, strong and sure, with a firm and ample base;
and ascending and secure shall tomorrow find its place.

#1028 Fire of Commitment

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:

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

Chorus: