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# "What Would I Do If I Could Feel? A Woodman's Lament"

Sunday, November 9, 2025

TYRONE DAVIS JR., GUEST SPEAKER | TRACY BRENEMAN, RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

GEORGIANNA PAPPAS, ACCOMPANIST

KIM FORCE & MOHAMMED LOUTFY, WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a Welcoming Congregation committed to affirming and purposefully including all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, and sexual or affectional orientation.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC Georgianna Pappas, piano

Enid Press, clarinet

GATHERING HYMN #6 Just as Long as I Have Breath

WELCOME Mohammed Loutfy

OPENING WORDS Tyrone Davis Jr.

CHALICE LIGHTING Kim Force

May this flame guide us as we follow new paths discovering courage, understanding, and heart—qualities that make the journey worthwhile.

Setting out together, may we find wisdom and companionship, remembering, like certain travelers long ago, that sometimes what we seek is already within us, and that every step moves us closer to home.

HYMN #5 It is Something to Have Wept

Offering

OFFERTORY Autumn in New York April Castoldi, Bryan Cherry,

~Vernon Duke Lisa Lobo, & Enid

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

PRAYER IN WORDS Tyrone
JOYS, SORROWS & MILESTONES Kim

In Quiet

In Music Georgianna

REFLECTION Mohammed

SERMON Tyrone

Kim, Georgianna, & Kathy Williams

CLOSING Mohammed

### CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

Kim

Kim: As the flame fades, we remember a Woodman who longed to feel, and the courage to see the world anew—

All: Like travelers on the yellow brick road, we support and learn from one another.

Kim: Like Glinda and Elphaba, Dorothy and the companions who searched for heart—All: We leave changed by our journey together, and affirm that every heart has the power to change for good.

Kim: May we carry wonder, possibility, and the lessons of heart into the world beyond these walls—

All: There's no place like home, and we find home again each time we gather.

Benediction Tyrone

### PARTING HYMN

#### #1002 Comfort Me

Guest Speaker's Bio

Tyrone Davis Jr. - Tyrone (he/him) is a theater artist, writer, and sexuality educator. He believes in the inherent worth of all bodies and views movement, art, food, nature, relationships, and community as powerful healing agents. As a theater artist, he has performed on Broadway and on stages across the country. Tyrone lives on Lenape land in Harlem, New York City. He is currently in a dual degree graduate program at Union Theological Seminary and Hunter College, studying for a Master's in Divinity and a Master's in Clinical Social Work. Tyrone is a member congregant of The First Unitarian-Universalist Congregational Society of Brooklyn.

Thank you for being with us this morning! When you leave today, please return your name tag to the rotating stand.

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### **SUN NOV 9 AT CUUC**

9:30AM CHILDCARE (ROOM 32)

9:30AM CENTERING FOR LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

10AM RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: K-5TH & 6TH-12TH SPIRITUAL PRACTICE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

10AM **SUNDAY WORSHIP** (SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM: BIT.LY/CUUC-WORSHIP)

11:15AM AUCTION TEAM (ROOM 41 & ONLINE: HTTPS://BIT.LY/CUUC-ZOOM-2210)

11:15AM FINDING YOUR PATH AT CUUC (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

11:15AM **SOCIAL HOUR** (FIRESIDE AREA)

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

CUUC Auction set up 10am Thu Nov 13, 2025 - Fri Nov 14, 2025 (Sanctuary)

Mon Nov 10 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online); 10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen)

Tue Nov 11 - All day Veterans Day; 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 7pm Partners in Covenant Meeting (Online); 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary); 8pm RE PlaceKeeping Meeting (Online)

Wed Nov 12 - 11am Staff Meeting (In Person); 12pm Membership Engagement Team Meeting (Online); 4pm JG: J. Majsak (Online); 6:3opm Worship Associate Team Planning (Online); 7:3opm Board of Trustees (Online)

Thu Nov 13- 11:30am Science & Spirituality (Room 41 & Online); 7:30pm Parents/ Caregivers of Young Adults (Online); 7:30pm JG: C. McNally (Fellowship Hall & Online)

Fri Nov 14 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online); 6:30pm CUUC Open Mic Night (Fellowship Hall); 7pm Books with Barbara (Online)

Sat Nov 15 - 5:30pm CUUC Auction (Sanctuary)

# Lyrics

## #6, Just as Long as I Have Breath

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life; though with pain I made my way, still hope I meet each day. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer "Yes," to truth; in my dream and in my dark, always: that elusive spark. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love; disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you. If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

# #5, It Is Something to Have Wept

It is something to have wept as we have wept, and something to have done as we have done; it is something to have watched when all have slept, and seen the stars which never see the sun.

It is something to have smelt the mystic rose, although it break and leave the thorny rods; it is something to have hungered once as those must hunger who have ate the bread of gods.

To have known the things that from the weak are furled, the fearful ancient passions, strange and high; it is something to be wiser than the world, and something to be older than the sky.

Lo, and blessed are our ears for they have heard: yea, blessed are our eyes for they have seen: let the thunder break on human, beast, and bird, and lightning. It is something to have been.

# #1002, Comfort Me

Comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me...

Speak for me, speak for me...

Dance with me, dance with me...