SKAGIT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 23, 2022

Speaker: Kat Rose

Celebrant: Susie Wilson

Tech Assist: George Rodgers-Clark

**Prelude** “*Hallelujah*” (by Leonard Cohen) sung by Pentatonix

<https://youtu.be/LRP8d7hhpoQ>

**Call to Service**

**Chalice Lighting** (Words on screen)

# There is Light

By Eric Williams (https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/there-light)

In the beginning  
There was light  
Infinite and expansive  
Flowing out from an unseen center.

Throughout Creation  
There is light  
From the steady Sun  
The glowing Moon  
The flashing Meteor  
The twinkling Stars  
And the auroras dancing in the northern skies.

Within each part of Creation  
There is light  
Slowed down and held close  
By every cell and molecule  
By each atom and element.

Within you  
There is light  
The same light as the Source  
The same radiance that is in all creatures.

May this small flame  
Be a constant reminder to you  
Of your true nature  
And your kinship with all beings.

**Opening Words/Reading** (words on screen)

# Nurture This Precious Light

By Naomi King (https://www.uua.org/worship/words/reading/184317.shtml)

How shall we begin to live out our free faith?

*Nurture this precious light.*

When we do, we are beacons of freedom  
creating a safe place to rest, explore, and innovate.

*Nurture this precious light!*

How we keep this lamp of truth and justice affects how and whether we are transforming inequity through witness and action.

*Nurture this precious light.*

As we nurture this precious light together, we become a light of hope turning isolation into community,

*anguish into peace,  
sorrow into joy.*

Nurture this precious light.

*As we do, our faith burns a steady flame of innovation banishing illusion, creating a new and renewing way together.*

Nurture this precious light!

*With our living connections, with our glowing stories, with our flame of freedom moving hand to hand, we.*

Nurture this precious light.  
Together, we turn this world from bleak to bright  
one flame, one fire, one light at a time.

**Music** “*Spirit of Life*” <https://youtu.be/LikvoIiN_bU>

Sung by members of All Souls Church Unitarian, Washington DC

**Greeting, Congregational News, Announcements + Welcome to Visitors**

**Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

**Music** “*The Potter’s Wheel*” <https://youtu.be/Hc-IVx-uJfc>

**Introduction of Kat Rose**

Our speaker today will be Kat Rose a potter and glaze researcher now living on San Juan Island.

Kat Rose has been making chalices for UU’s since 1996. Through her website [FlamingChalice.com](http://flamingchalice.com/), she makes a range of sizes and styles of chalices. She also makes large custom chalices for the front of sanctuaries.

Kat’s career was in selling AI and Computer Graphics workstations in LA and then morphed into becoming a headhunter for startup companies in Seattle. Kat retired from the high tech world and moved to San Juan Island in 2014.

**Reading from The Soulwork of Clay By Marjory Zoet Bankson** (words on screen)

“I am being formed by the clay. I am reconnecting with the

earth, and with the other basic elements, too — air, water, fire

— and life itself. Working with clay is so tactile and tangible,

so immediate. Every gesture leaves its trail in the clay. Every

fingerprint, a message. My breath fills the cavity. My touch

curves the wall of a bowl. And inwardly, I am being formed by

the outward practice. I am learning to trust the process, to

lean into the possibilities rather than strive for some

predetermined goal. I am being hollowed out, stretched and

constricted, trimmed and sometimes reworked entirely.”

&quot;We are indeed creatures of the earth and creators of

possibilities. Working with clay is a way to get our hands dirty

and our minds clear. To reclaim an elemental sense of

connection with the earth itself. To bring us home to our

bodies. To express our soul's longing for life. To reclaim the

sacred act of creation as essential to our wholeness. This is

the soulwork of clay.”

**Sermon:** “**From Lump of Clay to Flaming Chalice"**

**Music** "*Blue Boat Home*”  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsXl1_rEwI>.

**Closing Words** (words on screen)

# Share Your Glorious Light with the World

By James Morrison (https://www.uua.org/worship/words/benediction/share-your-glorious-light-world)

Within each of our hearts there is a most glorious light.  
Go forth, and let its spark help you understand what troubles both you and others;  
Go forth, and let its light of reason be a guide in your decisions;  
Go forth, and bring its ray of hope to those in need of help in both body and spirit, that they may find healing;  
Go forth, and fan the flames of passion to help heal our world;  
Go forth, and spread the warm glow of love, pushing back the darkness of the world;  
Go forth, and share your glorious light with the world.

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (words on screen)

1. Carry the Flame

By Brian Kiely (https://www.uua.org/worship/words/closing/carry-flame)

The Chalice is now extinguished,  
but its light lives on in the minds and hearts and souls of each one of you.  
Carry that flame with you as you leave this place and share it  
With those you know  
With those you love  
and most especially, with those you have yet to meet.

**'Closing Circle Song'** with Kathy

All are invited to continue conversation with speaker & our SUUF friends following the service