

Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

January 28, 2024 - *Welcome!*

Liberating Love: Evolving Dr. King's Dream

Gathering Music,

“Stronger Together,” by Hal Walker

Welcome

Rev. Mary Grigolia

Chalice Lighting - “The Names of Love,” by Rev. Scott Tayler

Story for All Ages:

Today Is Different, by Doua Moua, illustrated by Kim Holt

Opening Song: “Circle ‘Round for Freedom,” Linda Hirschhorn (155)

Circle ‘round for freedom. Circle ‘round for peace. For all of us in prison, circle for release. Circle for the planet. Circle for each soul. For the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Responsive Reading: “The Imprint of Love,” Laura Horton-Ludwig
At times we may fear that love will not be strong enough.

At times we may question whether love really is at the root of all things, in this world with so much struggle and suffering and discord.

We may struggle to hold on to our faith in love...

*In the stillness and silence of our own heart
we read the imprint of love:*

created not by our own will,
but planted there for us to discover...

Candle for Racial Justice for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Candle for Peace & Democracy in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine

Candle for Climate Justice

Sharing Personal Joys & Concerns

Reading: “The Appeal of Violence,” by Jonathan Kuttub, Friends of Sabeel North America, a Christian Voice for Palestine

Reading On Agape from Rev. Gretchen Haley

Sharing Our Financial Gifts: Your donation this week benefits the Minister's Discretionary fund. To donate to Let's Get Real, January's Cause of the Month, add a note to your payment. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! Thank you!

Offertory: “Loving Kindness”

May I be filled with loving kindness, may I be well. (2x)

May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well. (2x)

May you peaceful and at ease. May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness, may we be well. (2x)

May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

Reflection: Evolving the Dream

Rev. Mary

Closing Song: “Conclusions”

We have led different lives (3x) and we've come to our own conclusions; yes, we've come to our own conclusions.

We have dreamed different dreams....

We have prayed different prayers....

We have vowed different vows....

We have mourned different dead....

Let us walk arm in arm (3x) for we've come to our own conclusions; yes, we've come to our conclusions.

Closing Words - adapted from bell hooks:

We live in an interconnected web of mutuality....

The moment we choose to love, we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom.

From Frederick T. Gillis: May the Love which overcomes all differences, which heals all wounds, which puts to flight all fears, which reconciles all who are separated, be in us and among us, now and always.

Extinguishing the Chalice - *And as our service is now over, we extinguish the chalice, trusting its flame of liberating love and light to shine within us, between us and into the world.*

Announcements

Postlude: “Building a New Way” (1017)

We are building a new way (3x), feeling stronger everyday. We are building a new way.

We are working to be free (3x) of hate and greed and jealousy. We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need (3x); start with love, that is the seed. We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry (3x), without these this world will die.

Peace and freedom is our cry.

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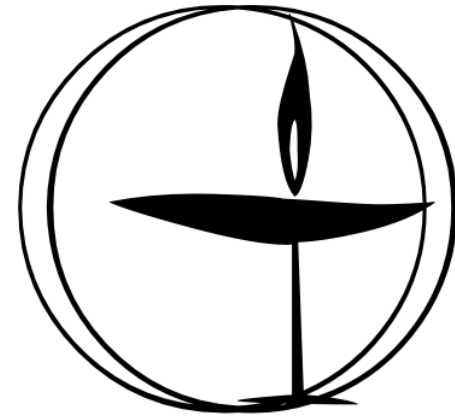
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