

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland

A progressive religious community welcoming all



May 9, 2020

"The Calling of Our Hearts"

Led by Eric Severson, Minister

Chris Nakamura, Melanie Willison, Ellen Severson,
Susan Mayer, Heather Cleland-Host, and Wendy Altmeier

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Order of Service May 9, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Chris Nakamura, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting “Deepening the Spirit” by Cynthia Landrum

We light this chalice, the beacon that calls us:

To love

To justice

To a deepening of the spirit.

Opening Words “[Listen! The Spirit Is Calling!](#)” by John Saxon

Opening Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life,” by Carolyn McDade

Melanie Willison, accompanist; Ellen and Eric Severson, vocals

Story for All Ages “Sky Color,” by Peter H. Reynolds

Read by Heather Cleland-Host

Joys and Sorrows (*Please “raise your hand” in Zoom to share a brief joy or sorrow*)

Meditation “[Calling](#)” by Nancy Shaffer

Reading “[Embrace](#)” by David Ruffin, from the book *Becoming: A Spiritual Guide for Navigating Adulthood* edited by Kayla Parker

Interlude “Tales From the Vienna Woods” by Johann Strauss, Jr.

Reflections “The Calling of Our Hearts”

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Offering *To donate online, [click here](#)*

Offertory “Voices of Spring” by Johann Strauss, Jr.

Closing Hymn #6 “Just as Long as I Have Breath” words by Alicia S. Carpenter;
music by Johann G. Ebeling

Chalice Extinguishing/Closing Words “This Is Our Calling” by D. Scott Cooper

The world aches for us to join together and bring about healing, toil for justice, and produce ever-increasing love. This is our calling. Go forth and act accordingly. Amen.

Virtual Coffee Hour *“What have been the callings of your heart?”*

You will be randomly assigned to breakout rooms for small group conversations. If your breakout room is empty, please return to the main room and you will be re-assigned as needed. Breakout rooms close at 12:15pm. Five minutes before the rooms are closed, you will receive a chat message reminder.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland – Fellowship Staff

Eric Severson, Minister

Heather Cleland Host, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Sandy Hay, Sexton

Andrew Schulz, Music Director

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Wendy Altmeier, Office Administrator

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