

Order of Service: June 19, 2022

Sermon Title: Beyond Self-Reliance

Sermon Description: This sermon examines the tension between self-reliance, as famously espoused by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the attributes needed to achieve the goal of the beloved community.

Speaker Bio: Today's speaker is Rev. John Ballance. John has been a member of Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills in Franklin Park since 1982. He has BS and MS degrees in metallurgical engineering from North Carolina State University. He has been a research metallurgist in the steel industry and a copper alloys producer. He served as editor of a technical journal and then as executive director of a professional society for 25 years before retiring in 2008. He attended Meadville Lombard Theological School, receiving a Master of Divinity degree in 2016. He was ordained by his congregation in 2018. His ministry both while in seminary and since has been as a volunteer chaplain in Allegheny County Jail.

Gathering Music: Pachelbel Canon [arr. Faber & Faber], Maya Kashlan

Welcome: Krista Stanley

Opening Words: "We Arrive Together Here" [Andrew Pakula]

Lighting the Chalice: Krista Stanley

We light this beacon of hope,
sign of our quest
for truth and meaning,
in celebration of the life we share together.

Hymn: "From You I Receive"

From you I receive, to you I give
Together we share, and from this we live

Time for All Ages: "Juneteenth for Mazie" [Floyd Cooper], Jennifer McGlothin

Children's Recessional: "As You Go" [Suzelle Lynch/Ruben Piirainen]

As you go, may joy surround you,
As you go, go in peace.
Know our love is with you always,
As you go, as you go

Special Music: Message in a Bottle [Sting], Paul Lawson

Joys and Sorrows: We hold you in our hearts.

Meditation and Prayer

Musical Meditation: Woyaya

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will

It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough, but we'll get there
Heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will
Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within.
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will
Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya yiyaya, Woyaya yiyaya, Ya

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Hymn: When I am Frightened

1. When I am frightened, will you reassure me? When I'm uncertain, will you hold my hand? Will you be strong for me, sing to me quietly? Will you share some of your stories with me? If you will show me compassion, then I may learn to care as you do, then I may learn to care.

2. When I am angry, will you still embrace me? When I am thoughtless, will you understand? Will you believe in me, stand by me willingly? Will you share some of your questions with me? If you will show me acceptance, then I may learn to give as you do, then I may learn to give.

3. When I am troubled, will you listen to me? When I am lonely, will you be my friend? Will you be there for me, comfort me tenderly? Will you share some of your feelings with me? If you will show me commitment, then I may learn to love as you do, then I may learn to love.

Offering

Offertory: "Capricho Catalan" from Espana [Isaac Albeniz], Carol Karl

Extinguishing the Chalice [Elizabeth Selle Jones], Krista Stanley
We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Words: "That Which Is Worthy of Doing" [Steve J. Crump], Krista Stanley