

Unitarian Universalist Society
Sunday, December 12, 2021, in person and online

Prelude “Hallelujah”
Leonard Cohen,
Irina Tchantceva, piano; Cynthia Davis, cello

Hymn #126 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words of Welcome Celia Buckley

Chalice Lighting Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

LEADER: We light this Chalice, the symbol of our open faith.

EVERYONE: **May it renew our connections to one another
and the Spirit of Life.**

We celebrate this light, the signal that all are worthy of respect.

Let us honor the light that each person brings into the world.

We kindle this flame of compassion,
the reminder of Love’s embrace.

May it guide us on our way, and bring us home, always.

Joys and Sorrows Shared in Zoom chat or to neighbors in sanctuary
Stephen Sondheim, “No One Is Alone” from Into the Woods; Irina Tchantceva, piano

Spoken & Silent Prayer Rev. Lucy Bunch
Interlude: Jon Batiste, arr., “What a Wonderful World”; Irina Tchantceva, piano

Readings from Fr. Thomas Merton & Rev. Erika Hewitt

Hymn Because We All Are Kindred
Words: T. Glazer, rev. A. Taviani. Music: H. L. Hassler/J.S. Bach; adapt. R. Decormier.

Shared Offering

Every month we give half of the Sunday offering to a local not-for-profit organization. Our community partner for December is River City Food Bank. Donate by text at 855-935-2216, online [at uuss.org/donate](https://uuss.org/donate) or by check to UUSS.

Offertory Thiele & Weiss, “What a Wonderful World”
Irina Tchantceva, piano; Cynthia Davis, cello

Sung Response
May the spirit of gratitude bless and multiply
all that we have, all that we give, and all that we receive.

Sermon Mystical Humanism
Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

Hymn What a Wonderful World
Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

Extinguishing the Chalice

Benediction

Postlude

Fellowship in Zoom breakout rooms & on the Covered Patio

Assisted listening devices are in the rear or in the Welcome Hall.
Our induction-loop system connects to a T-coil hearing aid.

Because We All Are Kindred

Words: T. Glazer, rev. A. Taviani. Music: H. L. Hassler/J.S. Bach; adapt. R. Decormier.

Because we all are kindred, wherever we may be,
Together we're one people, forever proud and free.
No tyrant shall defeat us, no nation strike us down.
All they who toil shall greet us, the whole wide world around.

My family is all others, forever hand in hand,
Where chimes the bell of freedom, there is my native land.
All others' fears are my fears, they shall not hold us down.
My family's tears are my tears, the whole wide world around.

Let ev'ry voice be thunder, let ev'ry heart beat strong,
Until all tyrants perish, our work shall not be done.
Let not our mem'ries fail us, the lost year shall be found.
Let slav'ry's chains be broken the whole wide world around.

What a Wonderful World

Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying: "I love you."
I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world. Oh, yeah!



MYSTICAL HUMANISM: WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!

10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 12, 2021

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WELCOME TO GUESTS & NEWCOMERS!

Please complete a Newcomer Card to receive follow-up information
and our *Weekly Message*: uuss.org/newcomers or at the Welcome Table.

Find our Weekly Calendar
at the Welcome Table and uuss.org/bluesheets/

OUR CONGREGATION'S MISSION STATEMENT

We come together to deepen our lives
and to be a force for healing in the world.