

# *Order of Service*

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**(Important Insert Attached)**

## **Part I – Liturgical, musically welcoming**

**Call to Celebration** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

### **Prelude**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*, James Weldon Johnson  
*Committed* – students from Oakwood University

### **Unison Chalice Lighting**

*Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning,  
we gather to excite the human spirit, to inspire its  
growth and development, to respond morally and  
ethically to a troubled world, and to sustain a vital  
and nurturing religious community.*

**Unison Song** - *Elena Karpoff*

*Blowin' in the Wind*, Bob Dylan

## **Part II - Message**

**Opening Words** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

**Wisdom Story** - *Leah Purcell*

### **Readings**

**Spoken Meditation** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

### **Silent Meditation**

**Sermon** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

**Offering** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

## **Part III – Religious Community – Celebration of relationship**

### **Offertory**

*America the Beautiful*, S.A. Ward/ K.L. Bates  
Performed by Ray Charles

**Welcoming Guests and Visitors** - *Jon Newell*

### **Congregational Greeting**

**Personal Joys and Sorrows** - *Erik vonHausen*

**Prayer of Affirmation** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

**Unison Song** - *Elena Karpoff*

*This Land is Your Land* Woody Guthrie

### **Unison Extinguishing of the Chalice**

*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.*

**Benediction** - *Rev. Sam Trumbore*

### **Our Thanks to**

### **Announcements**

### **Important Insert:**

#### **Congregational Conversations about the proposed Congregational Covenant:**

This Sunday after the service from 11:30 to 12:30, one of the offerings in Adult RE will be a congregational conversation about the proposed Congregational Covenant, which was first released by the Congregational Covenant Team back in March, but put on hold until now due to the Coronavirus. If this Sunday does not work for you, there is a second congregational conversation scheduled for 7 PM on Thursday, October 29, also on Zoom.

Our proposed congregational covenant begins with this Introduction:

“COVENANT INTRODUCTION: Our ‘living tradition’ calls us to be in covenant. For Unitarian Universalists, a congregational covenant reflects our aspirations and commitments to one another and to ourselves. In a covenantal community, each of us is empowered and has the responsibility to help one another as we seek to create a loving, supportive, and affirming community in which to grow in spirit and service.

COVENANT: As a congregation with respect for our past and commitment to the future, we draw from the depth and power of our hearts and minds, guided by our Unitarian Universalist principles, to serve our mission and vision. We celebrate the diversity of our identities and experiences, and foster a culture of appreciation, inspiration, and kindness. We honor both the strength of the collective and uniqueness of the individual, willing to support and challenge each other with love and compassion. We entrust ourselves to each other in beloved community, to embolden personal and congregational growth and transformation.”

What is a covenant? It’s a statement of identity, intended to remind us who we are collectively. A covenant grows from an affirmation of the needs, values, and principles we share, and the Vision that guides us into our future as a congregation. A covenant is a commitment that we make to ourselves as individuals, and to each other. A covenant helps us as a congregation to understand what our tradition calls us to be, and how to move into the future with shared purpose. A covenant speaks to how “We’re all in this together, building a better world.”

Before putting pen to paper, this team spent more than two years on a journey of discernment, doing our best to express what the heart and soul of our community consists of.

The writing was an iterative process. After a draft was put together, we went back and checked it against all the comments received in the three congregational conversations and in the survey responses we received, to keep on track with the desires of the congregation.

We are hoping that our proposed covenant can be taken for what it is: the work of a dedicated team who feels that what we have put together reflects who we are as a congregation, as well as who we aspire to be.

The members of the Team are Dick Dana, Brian Frank, Jan McCracken, Patti Jo Newell, Leah Purcell, Kelly Smith, and Sam Trumbore. We also want to lift up others who helped us with this process: Reese Satin, Zack Metzger, and Jacqui Williams.

Please take the time to think about this covenant and let us know what you think. And if you want more background information about what the Team has been doing over the past three years, how Unitarian Universalists view covenant, its history in our denomination, and the many documents resulting from the Team’s efforts, you can find them on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#). Thanks.