

Order of Service

Date August 23, 2026

Worship Leader Rev. Dr. Kate R. Walker

Liturgist Kim Francis

Music Ellen Gozion, Director of Instrumental Music; Mel Holly, voice; Madeline Celi Kitch, piano.

Tech Nicky Baldy and Emily Sweeney

Prelude *El Crepúscuo Suave* by Florence Price

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kate R. Walker

Lighting the Chalice and Call to Worship Rev. Kate and Kim Francis

Opening Hymn *There is no Fear in Love* by Elizabeth Norton [*from Sing out Love*]

First verse solo by song leader. Congregation join in singing v. 2 – 4.

*Solo: There is no fear in love (x2)
But perfect love, it casts out fear.
There is no fear in love.*

*All: I place my hand in yours;
will you place your hand in mine?
Together let us witness here:
There is no fear in love.*

*Now let us join the song;
Together loud and strong,
In melody and harmony:
There is no fear in love.*

*There is no fear in love (x2)
But perfect love, it casts out fear.
There is no fear in love.*

Collective Reading Kim

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values.

We covenant:

To practice Interdependence, we honor the interdependent web of all existence;

To practice Pluralism, we celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology;

To practice Justice, we work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive;

To practice Transformation, we adapt to the changing world;

To practice Generosity, we cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope;
To practice Equity, we declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love

Story for All “Ah Shung Catches a Ghost” trad. Chinese

Rev. Kate

Singing For Our Children #1057 Go Lifted Up

Go lifted up,
Love bless your way,
moonlight, starlight
guide your journey
into peace
and the brightness of day.

Offering Kim

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Share the plate for August is UUJusticePA*

Joys and Sorrows: During the offertory music, you are invited to light a candle or place a stone in Blessed Community water as you offer silent gratitude or prayers. Two tables are in the sanctuary; one in the front, to the right of the platform, and one in the back right alcove.

Offertory Music *The Garden at Caribou Point* composed and performed by Madeline Celi Kitsch

Meditation, silence, or prayer Rev. Kate

Hymn #1012 “When I Am Frightened”

Reading “Fear Not” by Marcus Liefert

Kim

Sermon “The Power of Fear” Rev. Kate

Hymn “There is No Fear in Love” (Reprise with added verse)

*There is no fear in love (x2)
But perfect love, it casts out fear.
There is no fear in love.*

*So let our voices ring.
Yes, let our voices ring*

*For justice, truth, and equity:
There is no fear in love.*

*There is no fear in love (x2)
But perfect love, it casts out fear.
There is no fear in love.*

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Rev. Kate and Kim

*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. Kate

Postlude *Beautiful City* by Stephen Schwartz sung by Mel Holley

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* The Vision of **UUJustice PA** is: Pennsylvania UUs are aware of justice issues and are called to speak and take action that leads to a better Commonwealth. Their Mission Statement is: Pursue justice by voting, advocating and making just public policies. It is one of 28 state-based UU advocacy groups working to uphold our UU values in our state governments. Since the early 2000s we have had staff and many volunteers establishing contacts with our legislators in Harrisburg and their home offices, and, working with other non-profits, make our PA state government more responsive to the needs of our Commonwealth's Peoples. There are currently seven Justice Teams: Good Government, Economic Justice, Reproductive Justice, Environmental Justice, Gun Violence Prevention, Criminal Justice Reform, and LGBTQIA+ issues with a focus on the current assault on Transgender folk.

Florence Beatrice Price (1887 – 1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra Price composed over 300 works, including symphonies, concertos, choral works, art songs and chamber music.