

“Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.”

— James Vila Blake

Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.



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Welcome to the Historic Unitarian Universalist Meeting House Nantucket Island

Open Doors

Open Minds

Open Hearts

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Guest Speaker Wren Bellavance-Grace

Finding Signs of Love in the World



Founded in 1809

**Second Congregational Meeting House Society
Unitarian Universalist**

Order of Service

Prelude - Ashokan Farewell Nigel Goss
– Jay Ungar

Welcome/Opening Words Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Announcements Rev. Althea

Chalice Lighting All
*If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.
Using a spark of hope,
kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.*
-Melanie Davis

Affirmation All
*Love is the doctrine of this church.
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace
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and to help one another.*

Greeting One Another

Hymn # 21 For the Beauty of the Earth All

Story for All Ages The Starfish Story Wren Bellavance-Grace
-adapted Loren Eiseley

Children's Blessing All
*"Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the light of love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go."*

Meditation #1031 May I be Filled With Loving Kindness All

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life All

Joys and Concerns Rev. Althea

Hymn # 38 Morning Has Broken All

Reflection Finding Signs of Love in the World
Wren Bellavance-Grace

Our Gifts We Bring Rev. Althea

Offertory - James River Blues Madaket Mountain String Band
- Old Crow Medicine Show

Doxology All
*From all that dwells below the skies,
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through every land by every tongue
Amen*

Hymn # 121 We'll Build a Land All

Extinguishing the Chalice and Benediction All
*Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long and we can bend it
toward justice.
Go in courage, for together we have the strength to confront injustice
in our daily lives and the larger world.
Go in love, because a holy and generous love is both the reason and
the means by which we transform our lives.*

Blessing Rev. Althea

Postlude - Cold Water Madaket Mountain String Band
- Traditional

Sunday Morning Participants

Sunday Service Leader – Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Guest Speaker - Wren Bellavance-Grace

Youth and Children's Program Director - Leyah Jensen

Music Director – Nigel Goss

Guest Musicians – Madaket Mountain String Band

Chris Hanson, Rob Dunbar and Caleb Cressman

21 For the Beauty of the Earth

♩ = 112

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
 2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 3. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
 4. For the joy of hu - man care, sis - ter, broth - er,

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
 par - ent, child, for the kin - ship we all share,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Source of all, to
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

thee we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917, adapt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, abridged

DIX
 7.7.7.7.7.

Filled with Loving Kindness 1031

♩ = 88

Dm Dm/A Am/C Dm C7 Dm C B♭ Am7

*May I be filled _____ with lov-ing kind-ness. May I be

Dm Dm/A Am/C Dm C7 Dm

well. _____ May I be filled _____ with lov-ing kind-ness.

C B♭ Am7 Am B♭/F Am B♭

May I be well. _____ May I be peace - ful and at

Dm C B♭M7 Am Dm

ease. May I be whole.

*Note: Second time: Replace each "I" with "you."
Third time: Replace each "I" with "we."

Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation;
 ⊕ adapted by Mark W. Hayes, 1949 - , © 2001 Mark W. Hayes
 ⊕ Music: Ian W. Riddell, 1968 - , © 2001 Ian W. Riddell

Spirit of Life

123

♩ = 56 Unison

Spir - it of Life, come un-to me. Sing in my
heart all the stir-rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the
wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing
life the shape of jus-tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me
free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

Words & music: Carolyn McDade, 1935- , © 1981 Carolyn McDade,
⊕ harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren, 1939- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist
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SPIRIT OF LIFE
8.12.8.12.8.10.

LOVE AND COMPASSION

Morning Has Broken

♩. = 56 Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e -

sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, sprung in com -
 la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre -

spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 a - tion of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, used by perm. of David Higham Assoc., Ltd.
 Music: Gaelic melody, © 1931 Oxford University Press, harmony by David
 Evans, 1874-1948

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D.

We'll Build a Land

$\text{♩} = 120$

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the bro - ken.
 2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid - ings to
 3. We'll be a land build - ing up an - cient cit - ies,
 4. Come, build a land where the man - tles of prais - es re -

We'll build a land where the cap - tives go free, where the
 all the af - flict - ed and all those who mourn. And we'll
 rais - ing up dev - as - ta - tions from old; re -
 sound from spir - its once faint and once weak; where like

oil of glad - ness dis - solves all mourn - ing. Oh,
 give them gar - lands in - stead of ash - es. Oh,
 stor - ing ru - ins of gen - er - a - tions. Oh,
 oaks of right - eous - ness stand her peo - ple. Oh,

Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos), adapt.,

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CREATION OF PEACE

11.10.11.10. with refrain

we'll build a prom - ised land that can be.
 we'll build a land where peace is born.
 we'll build a land of peo - ple so bold.
 come build the land, my peo - ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis - ters and broth - ers, a - noint - ed by

God, may then cre - ate peace: where jus - tice shall roll

down like wa - ters, and peace like an ev - er flow - ing stream.