Madison UU Gathering in the Park
"The Stories of Us"

*Rev. Karen Armina, Kathy Converse, Rev. Kelly Crocker,
& Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson*

Sunday, August 13, 2023 • 11 am • Vilas Park, Madison

Sounding of the Bell

Prelude
Andante sostenuto (Op. 72 No. 2)   Felix Mendelssohn
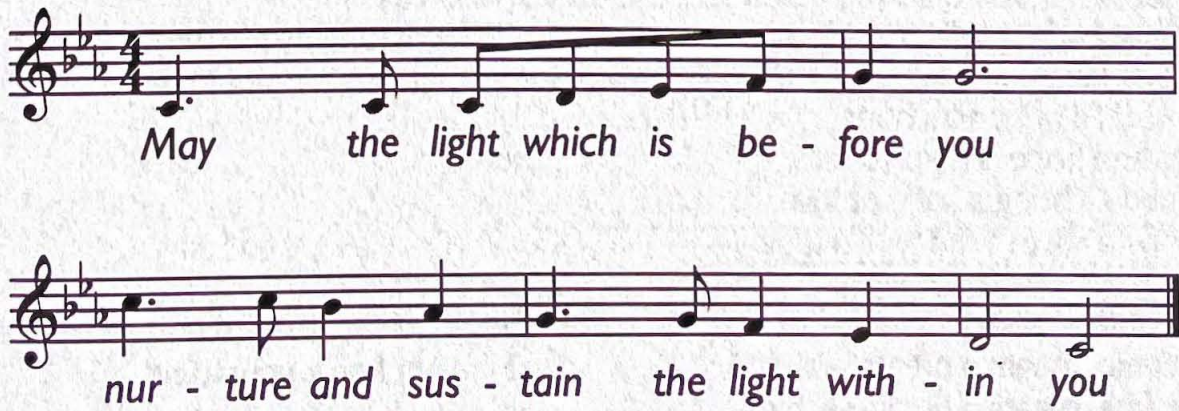Jennifer Hedstrom, piano

Welcome
Rev. Kelly Crocker & Kathy Converse

Moment of Centering Silence

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Sung Response
Words by Makanah E. Morris, music by Thomas Benjamin

May the light which is be - fore you

nur - ture and sus - tain the light with - in you

Opening Hymn
#347 • Gather the Spirit
Led by Linda Warren & Drew Collins, FUS

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one
flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the
same.

Chorus:
Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and
strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience
refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)

Message for All Ages

Hymn
#346 • Come Sing a Song with Me
Led by Ron Frye, Prairie UU

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

Chorus:
And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Reflections
Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson, Rev. Karen Armina, Kathy Converse

Offering
*Supports the work of Wilma's Fund through OutReach**
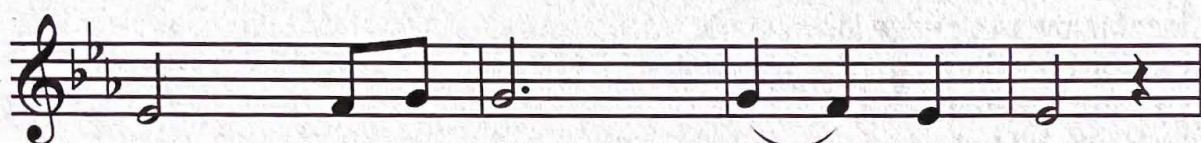
Offertory
For My Grandfather   Traditional Swiss

John Wunderlin, alphorn

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response
Words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, music by Elizabeth Norton

There is a Love hold - ing us.

There is a Love hold-ing all that we love.

There is a Love hold - ing all. We

rest in this Love.

Closing Hymn
#1064 • Blue Boat Home
Led by Jennifer Hedstrom, Heike Saynisch, and Alice Shuman-Johnson, JRUU

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Extinguishing the Chalice and Benediction

Postlude
This Little Light   Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Linda Warren, piano

Worship Team

Rev. Karen Armina | Minister, JRUU
Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson | Co-Senior Minister, FUS
Dan Carnes | A/V & Event Specialist, FUS
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Rev. Kelly Crocker | Co-Senior Minister, FUS
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John Wunderlin | Member, Prairie UU

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