



**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County**  
**Order of Service January 29, 2023**

**Sound the Chime**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** *The Fire of Commitment* Hymn #1028

**Opening Words** “*Learn to Live*” Cora Coralina

**Chalice Lighting** *Fire of the Spirit...* #493

**Covenant**

*Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service is its prayer.  
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

**Hymn** *Break Not the Circle* Hymn #323

**Joys and Concerns**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Shosholoza*, Traditional South African working song,  
arr. Albert Pinsonneault

**Sermon** “*The Circle:*” *A Sermon in Story*  
African folktale told by Antonio Rocha

**Closing Hymn** *I Am That Great and Fiery Force* Hymn #27

**Closing Words** # 494

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

*We extinguish this chalice, but not its light.  
That we take with us, out into the world,  
sharing it with those we encounter on our journey.*

**Closing Song**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (3x)*

**We are honored to have Antonio Rocha join us, and thank Johnnie Rodriguez and the RI Black Storytellers for making this possible.**

*Newcomers, please fill out a yellow welcome card, which you can find in your hymnal. You can give it to one of the greeters.*

## Learn to Live

I don't know... If life is short  
or too long for us.  
But I know that nothing we endure  
makes sense, if we don't touch people's  
hearts.

Most times it's enough to be:  
the receptive shoulder  
enveloping arm  
comforting word  
respectful silence  
infectious joy  
flowing tears  
caressing look  
gratifying wish  
encouraging love.

And this is not something from another  
world.  
It's what gives meaning to life.  
It's what makes life  
neither short  
nor too long.  
But it would be intense  
true, pure...  
While it lasts.

~ Cora Coralina; translation by Rosaliene Bacchus  
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## **Saber Viver** **Cora Coralina**

*Não sei... Se a vida é curta  
Ou longa demais pra nós,  
Mas sei que nada do que vivemos  
Tem sentido, se não tocamos o coração das  
pessoas.  
Muitas vezes basta ser:  
Colo que acolhe,  
Braço que envolve,  
Palavra que conforta,  
Silêncio que respeita,  
Alegria que contagia,  
Lágrima que corre,  
Olhar que acaricia,  
Desejo que sacia,  
Amor que promove.  
E isso não é coisa de outro mundo,  
É o que dá sentido à vida.  
É o que faz com que ela  
Não seja nem curta,  
Nem longa demais,  
Mas que seja intensa,  
Verdadeira, pura...  
Enquanto durar.*

**Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul, Minister**

**Michael Galib, Music Director**

**Lee Cowan, Director of Religious Education**

Sara Kaplow, Congregational Administrator, Susan Rogala, Congregational Bookkeeper

Rev. Denis's Schedule: Office hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-4  
Upcoming Beverages & Banter: Tuesday, January 31, 2 PM at Audrey's Coffee  
House; Friday, February 10, 10 AM on Zoom; Thursday, February 23, 10  
AM at Audrey's Coffee House.

Details on the website and online congregational calendar.

Next furlough week Feb13th to 20th.