Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

Order of Service September 3, 2023

Sounding the Chime

Opening Hymn *Gathered Here* Hymn # 389

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting #567 *To Be of Use,* by Marge Piercy

Reciting the Covenant Together

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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer *Grateful My Hands,* by MaMuse

chorus:

Grateful my hands in yours (repeat 8x)

I will walk with my feet on the earth, so sweet
I will walk with my hand in yours
For the time is ripe for us to unite
I will walk with my hand in yours

chorus

I will walk with my heart open wide, from the start
I will walk with my hand in yours
For the time is right for us all to rise
I will walk with my hand in yours

chorus

Offering

Today's offering will be split 50/50 with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, RI Chapter. If you wish to contribute by check, please make check payable to UUCSC and put "Shared Collection" in the memo line.

Offertory *Thank You for Your Blessings,* by Beautiful Chorus

Story Aesop's Fable *The Farmer and His Sons*

Blessing *Thank U, Next,* by Ariana Grande from the *Bridgerton* soundtrack

Body Prayer

Hymn *When I Breathe In* Hymn # 1009

Closing Words #697 Wendell Berry

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)

Newcomers, please fill out a yellow welcome card,
which you can find in your hymnal, and put it in the collection basket during the offering.

Rev. Denis 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: Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 4 pm at Java Madness,
Next furlough week September 19 to September 25.