

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Laura Matson, Pulpit Guest

Paul Amaru, Pulpit Host

“We must always take sides: Neutrality helps the oppressor, Never the victim.

Silence encourages the tormentor, Never the tormented.”

Elie Wiesel - Holocaust survivor and political activist

Centering Music

Jason Hobradschk, Guest Pianist

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Scott Alexander

Introit

“My Country Tis of Thee”

Opening Words

“Another World is Possible”

By Ashley Horan

Read by Laura Matson, Pulpit Guest

Hymn #153

“I Woke Up This Morning”

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.
2. I was walking and talking with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom. Walking and talking with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom. Walking and talking with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.
3. I was singing and voting with my mind and it was stayed on freedom. Singing and voting with my mind and it was stayed, stayed on freedom. Singing and voting with my mind and it was stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia. Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Laura Matson and Paul Amaru

It is not enough merely to call for freedom, democracy and human rights. There has to be a united determination to persevere in the struggle, to make sacrifices in the name of enduring truths, to resist the corrupting influences of desire, ill will, ignorance and fear.

Aung San Suu Kyi, adapted

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSLOHfIRaCM>

Presented by Kelly Stephens
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Offertory

Jason Hobratschk

Sunday Fund

Dogs For Life

Please make checks payable to UUFVB with “Dogs For Life” in the Memo line.

Community Connections

Sharing of Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

Paul Amaru, Pulpit Host

Ritual of Stones and Water

Hymn #123

“Spirit of Life”

Meditation

Spoken and Silent

Words by Rev. Schyler Vogel

Anthem

“I’m Gonna sit at the Welcome Table”

Sermon

“Unitarian Universalism: In Defense of Democracy”

Laura Matson, Pulpit Guest

Hymn

“This Land is Your Land”

1. This land is your land, this land is my land, From California to the New York Island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water. This land was made for you and
me.
2. As I went walking that ribbon of highway and saw above me that endless skyway. I
saw below me that golden valley. I said this land is made for you and me.
3. I roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps To the sparkling sands of her
diamond deserts, And all around me, a voice was sounding: This land was made for
you and me. This land was made for you and me.

Benediction

Laura Matson, Pulpit Guest

Postlude and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Jason Hobratschk Guest Pianist

Music: Elizabeth Borne, Matthew Borne, Jason Hobratschk, Kathy and Stewart Barnes, and Paul Amaru

Percussion: Barbara Dunst