

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Rev. Chuck McNatt, Affiliate Minister

Rev. Scott Alexander, Senior Minister

*"In all life one should comfort the afflicted, but verily, also, one should afflict the comfortable, and especially when they are comfortably, contentedly, even happily wrong."*

-John Kenneth Galbraith

Centering Music

Dr. Jason Hobradsch, Accompanist

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Scott Alexander

Introit

*"Be Ours a Religion"*

Opening Words

Rev. Chuck McNatt

Hymn #121

**"We'll Build a Land"**

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the broken. We'll build a land where the captives go free, where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning. Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

Chorus

*Come build a land where sisters and brothers, anointed by God, may then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters, and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings to all the afflicted and all those who mourn. And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes. Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.
3. Come, build a land where the mantles of praises resound from spirits once faint and once weak; where like oaks of righteousness stand her people. Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Chuck McNatt

*When we open a door between a dark room and one with light, the dark does not flow into the dark, but the light reaches into the dark and illuminates at least part of that darkness. As we light the chalice this morning may we become more aware of the light of life within each of us. May we nurture that light and grow in courage to let that light reach out into and bless our world.*

Sung Response

**"Chalice"**

Chalice, chalice burning bright, help remind us with your light of how we'd like to live each day, with love and truth helping lead the way.

**Time for All Ages** *"It's time to stand up for rights"* Media clip by UN Human Rights  
Presented by Kelly Stephens  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

**Sunday Fund** *Pioneering Change*  
*Please make checks payable to UUFVB with "Pioneering Change" in the Memo line.*

**Offertory** Dr. Jason Hobradschk  
**Community Connections**  
**Sharing of Joys, Concerns, and Prayers** Rev. Scott Alexander  
**Ritual of Stones and Water**

**Hymn #123** *"Spirit of Life"*

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**Reading Before the Sermon** by Rev Martin Niemoller (1892-1984)  
Rev. Chuck McNatt

**Anthem** *"Seize the Day"* by Alan Menken & Jack Feldman  
sung by Matthew Borne

**Sermon** *"Politics in Religion"* Rev. Chuck McNatt

**Response to the Sermon** Rev Scott Alexander

**Closing Song** *"Precious Friend"* by Pete Seeger

Just when I thought, All was lost, you changed my mind. You gave me hope, (not just the old soft soap)

You showed that we could learn to share in time. (You and me and Rockefeller)  
I'll keep pluggin' on, Your face will shine through all our tears.

And when we sing another little victory song, Precious friend, you will be there,  
Singing in harmony,

Precious friend, you will be there. REPEAT

**Benediction** Rev. Chuck McNatt

**Postlude and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

Dr. Jason Hobradschk and Rev Scott Alexander

**Music** Elizabeth Borne, Kathy Barnes, Cathy Katrovitz, Matthew Borne