

# “Weaving Our Lives”

## Sunday Worship for the UUA General Assembly

Sunday, June 23, 2024

1:00 p.m. ET / 12:00 p.m. CT

11:00 a.m. MT / 10:00 a.m. PT

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**Prelude** – “Here Together” by David M Glasgow – featuring choirs from All Souls Unitarian Church Indianapolis, IN; First Parish in Concord, MA; First Parish UU in Lexington, MA; First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI; UU Fellowship in Athens, GA; UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, NY; UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ; UU Church in Reston, VA; and UU of Minnetonka, MN

**Opening Words** – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Rev. Eric Kaminetzky, Rev. Sarah Oglesby Dunegan, Rev. Sadie Lansdale, Rev. Aaron Stockwell Wisman

**Chalice Lighting** – Gretchen Maune & Members of the UU Church of Columbia, MO **Story** –

from *Through the Mickle Wood* by Valiska Gregory – read by Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley Jr.

**Interlude** - “We Are Weaving Our Lives” by Alexa Sunshine Rose, performed by beheld

**Centering Moment** – Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education & Violet Vonder Haar, Director of Music Ministry, UU Church of Columbia, MO

**Congregational Song** – “We are Weaving Our Lives” by Alexa Sunshine Rose – led by Violet Vonder Haar

*We are weaving our lives  
We are weaving our hearts and our minds  
We are weaving the bright and dark threads  
Of our journeys through*

*We are weaving our lives  
We are weaving a blanket of light  
We are weaving a basket to hold  
All that’s true*

**Prayer & Moment of Contemplation** – Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Hymn of Response** – “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade – led by Natasha Steinmacher

*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** – “Shaking the Tree” by Jeanne Lohmann – read by Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long

**Anthem** - “Weave and Spin” by Starhawk – performed by Lea Morris

**Sermon** – “Weaving Our Lives” – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**Hymn** – “Circle Round For Freedom” by Linda Hirschhorn – led by Natasha Steinmacher and Francisco Ruiz

*Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,*

*for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,*

*circle for the planet, circle for each soul,*

*for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

**Offering Introduction** - Nicole Pressley for Side with Love

**Offertory** – “Hold On” by Yola, performed by beheld

**Benediction** – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**Postlude** - “Weaving Our Songs” arranged by Paul Winchester; music by David M. Glasgow, Alexa Sunshine Rose, Carolyn McDade, and Starhawk