

That we may find strength for these days – Courage and hope for tomorrow.

~ Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

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#### The Seven Principles

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
  2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
  3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
  4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
  5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
  6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
  7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
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#### Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

*Open doors* for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

*Open minds* for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

*Open hearts* for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

Sunday, January 16, 2022

## CREATIVE MYSTERY IN A COLD MONTH

Daniel Lawlor

Lay Leader: Susan Berman



Founded in 1809

Second Congregational Meeting House Society  
Unitarian Universalist

# Order of Service

January 16, 2022

Welcome Susan Berman

## Chalice Lighting

*With this flame we renew our commitment to justice, peace  
and compassion*

Affirmation All

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let faith and hope with love arise.  
Let beauty, truth, and good be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

Greeting One Another All

**Hymn #325** *Love Makes a Bridge* Nigel Goss & Virtual Meeting House Choir

**Poem:** *Songs for the People* Daniel Lawlor  
Frances Ellen Watkins

## Meditation

Joys and Concerns All

**Hymn #55** *Dark of the Winter* Nigel Goss & Virtual Meeting House Choir

Reflection: *Creative Mystery in a Cold Month* Daniel Lawlor

## Our Gifts we Bring

**Offertory:** *Prelude in Db - Raindrop*  
Chopin, arr. Goss

**Hymn #331** *Life is the Greatest Gift* Nigel Goss & Virtual Meeting House Choir

Blessing Daniel Lawlor

Extinguishing the chalice  
*Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again* All

**Postlude:** *Highlands*  
*Christopher Norton*

JOIN US AFTER SERVICE FOR THE VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

## Sunday Morning Participants

**Sunday Service Leader** – Susan Berman

**Guest Speaker** – Daniel Lawlor

**Music Director** – Nigel Goss

**Technology Assistant** – Deirdre Duffy

**Virtual Meeting House Choir** – Susan Berman, Cynthia Csabay,  
Sarah Ditmars, Al Fuller, Cheryl Fuller, Val Hall, Elliot Levine, Polly  
Miller, Phaedra Plank, Kat Robinson Grieder, Priscilla Roosevelt,  
Ray Saunders, Craig Spery, Linda Spery, Liam Strand, Nancy  
Tobias

## Announcements January 16, 2022

**Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting** – Tuesday, January 19th on Zoom at 5:30pm. See e-blast for agenda and meeting link.

**Welcome Wednesdays** – The spirit of Friday Fun has moved to Zoom on Wednesdays. See the eblast for link and activity each week.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – Save the date! Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> after Service.

**2022 Pledge Campaign** – Don't forget to send in your pledges which help us plan for the 2022 budget. Send in your pledge card or email Paul. [Treasurer@unitarianchurchnantucket.org](mailto:Treasurer@unitarianchurchnantucket.org)

**ACK Homelessness Team/The Warming Place:** If you are interested in helping on Mondays and Thursday at The Warming Place, sign up for a shift [here](https://tinyurl.com/ACKWarmingPlace):  
<https://tinyurl.com/ACKWarmingPlace>.

**World Explorers with Leyah:** Sundays at Noon on Zoom. Check your E-blast for Zoom link and this week's project.

**Monday Afternoon Tea:** Mondays at 4pm, Loretta Middleton and Susan Richards host a "Tea Party" on Zoom. Use the link on our website, or contact [Susanoncobble@gmail.com](mailto:Susanoncobble@gmail.com) to attend.

Please email Sue if you have an announcement for next week, January 23rd~ [office@UnitarianChurchNantucket.org](mailto:office@UnitarianChurchNantucket.org).

**Welcome visitors and guests!** If you're visiting for the first time or returning after an absence, welcome to Nantucket's Unitarian Universalist congregation gathering at the historic 1809 Meeting House. Information about the Unitarian Universalist faith and the Second Congregational Meeting House Society are on the literature table or on our website at [www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org](http://www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org). To receive regular email updates and other news, please email the office at [office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org](mailto:office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org)



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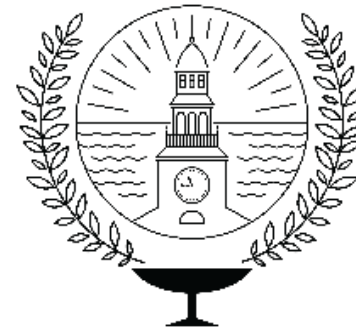
### Board of Trustees

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*Vice President*; Paul Stewart, *Treasurer*; Susan Richards, *Clerk*  
Members: Susan Berman, Natalie Chambers, Robert Dunbar, Kristina  
Strand, Lydia Sussek, Rev. Linda Simmons

### Congregational Staff

Rev. Linda Simmons, *Minister*  
Rev. Edward B. Anderson, *Minister Emeritus*  
Nigel Goss, *Music Director*  
Sue Mynttinen, *Meeting House Administrator*  
Leyah Jensen, *Children & Youth Program Director*  
Bridgett Bloise Smith, *Sexton*

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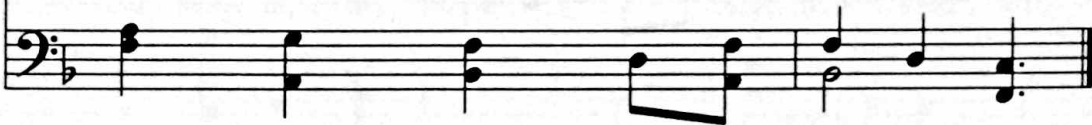
## Love Makes a Bridge

♩ = 66 *Unison*

1. Love makes a bridge from heart to heart, and hand to hand. Love
2. Love breaks the walls of lan-guage, gen-der, class, and age. Love
3. Love lifts the hopes that force and fear have beat-en down. Love



finds a way when laws are blind, and free-dom banned.  
 gives us wings to slip the bars of ev-ery cage.  
 breaks the chains and gives us strength to stand our ground.



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| <p>4. Love rings the bells of wanted birth<br/>         and wedding day.<br/>         Love guides the hands that promise more<br/>         than words can say.</p> | <p>5. Love makes a bridge that winds may shake,<br/>         yet not destroy.<br/>         Love carries faith through life and death,<br/>         to endless joy.</p> |
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## Dark of Winter

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1. Dark of win - ter, soft and still, your qui - et calm sur -  
 2. Dark - ness, soothe my wea - ry eyes, that I may see more

rounds me. Let my thoughts go where they will;  
 clear - ly. When my heart with sor - row cries,

ease my mind pro - found - ly. And then my soul will sing a song, a  
 com - fort and ca - ress me. And then my soul may hear a voice, a

bles - ed song of love e - ter - nal. Gen - tle dark - ness,  
 still, small voice of love e - ter - nal. Dark - ness, when my

soft and still, bring your qui - et to me.  
 fears a - rise, let your peace flow through me.

# Life Is the Greatest Gift of All 331

*♩ = 96 Unison*

1. Life is the great - est gift of all the rich - es on this  
 2. Mind is the bright - est gift of all, its thought no bar - rier  
 3. We are of life, its shin - ing gift, the meas - ure of all

earth; life and its crea - tures, great and small, of  
 mars; it seeks cre - a - tion's hid - den plan, its  
 things; up from the dust our tem - ples lift, our

high and low - ly birth: so trea - sure it and  
 quest sur - mounts all bars; it reins the wind, it  
 vi - sion soars on wings; for seed and root, for

mea - sure it with deeds of shin - ing worth.  
 chains the storm, it weighs the out - most stars.  
 flower and fruit, our grate - ful spir - it sings.

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