

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

July 28, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

"What I Have Learned in 50 Years of Ministry"

Presenter: Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

Music: Andrea Stader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill

OPENING WORDS: "Mother Wisdom Speaks," by Christine Lore Webber

Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

OPENING MUSIC: "Wade in the Water," Traditional Spiritual

Andrea

CHALICE LIGHTING (unison) by Jean Batson-Turner

Jill

May the flame of this chalice light our pathways to a sacred circle of hope, compassion and love.

May we build together a sanctuary for the marginalized in our midst.

May we seek the light of a brave new society as we create a culture of equality and justice.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: "Such a Delicious Sundae," Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

READING: "I Saw God in Myself," by Ntozake Shange

READING: "On The Other Side," by Barbara Myerhoff

SERMON: "A Reflection on 50 Years in the UU Ministry," Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

READING: "Mindful," by Mary Oliver

UNISON OFFERTORY READING

Jill

This congregation is the community of ourselves

Its energy and resources are our energy and resources.

Its wealth is what we share.

As we contribute to the life of this community, we affirm our lives within it.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Saint Anne's Reel-Traditional," (an instrumental on dulcimer)

Andrea

RESPONSE/DISCUSSION

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

Jill

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

CLOSING MUSIC: "Pack Up Your Sorrows," Richard Farina

Andrea

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE (unison)

Jill

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.