

**MARQUETTE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025 - 11:00 A.M.**

**“The WOW Of Now”**

**Presenter: Rev. Denise D. Tracy**

**Music by Joe Jencks**

*Words to all the songs and readings, including congregational songs,  
are on the pages following this one.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC:** “For What It's Worth,” by Stephen Stills

**OPENING WORDS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING: (unison)** (see below)

**OPENING HYMN:** “How Can I Keep From Singing,” Trad. Arr. by Joe Jencks (see below)

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART:** "The Boy Who Said WOW," by Todd Boss

**READING:** "The Quiet Miracle of Survival," by Ernest Hemingway

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Let It Breathe (Love Has You Surrounded),” by Joe Jencks

**SERMON:** The WOW of NOW - The Rev. Ms. Denise D. Tracy

**DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE**

**READING FOR MEDITATION:** “In the Blackwater Woods,” by Mary Oliver

**UNISON OFFERTORY READING** (see below)

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** “Lady of The Harbor,” by Joe Jencks

**JOYS AND SORROWS**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Come With Me,” by Joe Jencks (see below)

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE (unison)** (see below)

**CLOSING WORDS**

**MUSIC FOR CLOSING:** “Get Together,” by Chet Powers

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH Stephen Stills

There's something happening here

What it is ain't exactly clear

There's a man with a gun over there

Telling me I've got to beware

(And I think we better)

Stop children what's that sound everybody look what's going down

Battle lines are being drawn

Nobody's right if everybody's wrong

Young people speaking their minds

Getting so much resistance from behind

(and I think we better)

What a field day for the heat

Ten thousand people in the street

Singing songs and carrying signs

Mostly say hooray for our side

(and I think we better)

Paranoia strikes deep

Into your life it will creep

It starts when you're always afraid

Step out of line and the man come and take you away

(and I think we better)

CHALICE LIGHTING by Lindsay Bates (unison)

To face the world's darkness, a chalice of light.

To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth.

To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage.

To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.

May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts and our lives.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING Trad. Arr. by Joe Jencks

My life flows on in endless song

Above earth's lamentation

I hear that real, through far-off hymn

That hails the new creation

Through all the tumult and the strife

I hear that music ringing

It sounds an echo in my soul

How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roar

I hear the truth it liveth

What though the darkness round me close

Songs in the night it giveth

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that rock I'm clinging

Since love is lord of heaven and earth

How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear

And hear their death knells ringing

When friends rejoice both far and near

How can I keep from singing?

In prison cells and dungeon vile

Our thoughts to them are winging

When friends by shame are undefiled

How can I keep from singing?

LET IT BREATHE (LOVE HAS YOU SURROUNDED) Joe Jencks

Lay down your weapons, Love has you surrounded

There is no easy way out, lay down your shield, and

Let your heart break, just a little.

Let Love remove all doubt

You go through the world everybody's sweetheart

Keeping up a front that wears you down

But in a quiet moment the truth comes out,

Some days you feel like you're about to drown

There is no reason to play this charade

You can be loved for who you are

And for every troubled thought that crosses your mind,

Please hold that you are someone else's shining star

What do you need? By what measure would you know, that

You are more than what you achieve

When you look in the mirror, Is it possible to see that

You are enough, so let it breathe

## UNISON OFFERTORY READING

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.

LADY OF THE HARBOR Joe Jencks

From far away, and distant lands  
The tempest tossed with hopeful hearts and calloused hands  
Reach toward the light, the torch held high  
And cast their gaze upon the lady of the harbour  
    And she welcomes them with open arms  
    She says let my children in  
    Shine On, Shine On,  
    Oh you lady of the harbour  
And so it was, with my own kin  
They sailed from Sweden and from France, and Ireland  
Their earthly cares, pack in their bags  
They cast their gaze upon the lady of the harbour  
    And she welcomed them with open arms  
    She said let my children in  
    Shine On, Shine On,  
    Oh you lady of the harbour  
Now we're locking down the borders and we're filling up the jails  
And we say they don't belong  
How conveniently do we forget  
That we've all come to sing the same sweet song  
    Will the dream, survive the strain  
    Will huddled masses have a chance to learn it's sweet refrain  
    Or will we fall, into our fears  
    And turn our backs against the lady of the harbour  
And she welcomes them with open arms  
She says let my children in  
Shine On, Shine On,  
Oh you lady of the harbour

COME WITH ME Joe Jencks

I feel the current raging around me

Try to summon up my strength once more

I am weary on this journey

Afraid I will not reach that distant shore

I cry for help feel like I'm sinking

There is no one near me I can see

But there you are in the water with me

You take my hand and guide me graciously

CHORUS:

Will you come with me on this journey

With every breath we take keep reaching for the dawn

I know alone that I will falter

But with a good friend near me I will carry on

There is a kindness in your smile

And gentleness within your speech

You reassure me your love surrounds me

And I know safety is at last within my reach CHORUS

It's an illusion we carry with us

As we wade on through the waters of our lives

That we must be strong and hold our own here

But a helping hand will save us by and by CHORUS

Tag: I know alone that I will falter

But with a good friend near me I will carry on

With a good friend near me I will carry on

## EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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.

## GET TOGETHER by Chet Powers

Love is but a song we sing,  
And fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why  
    Come on people now  
    Smile on each other  
    Everybody get together  
    Try to love one another right now  
Some will come and some will go  
And we shall surely pass  
When the one who left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunrise  
Fading in the grass  
    So if you hear the song I sing  
    Then you will understand  
    You hold the key to love and fear  
    All in your trembling hand  
    Just one key unlocks them both  
    It's there at your command