UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF NORTHAMPTON AND FLORENCE
November 5, 2023

Calling Holy Troublemakers

WELCOME

PRELUDE  Falling Dew, Ernest Dicks

OPENING WORDS  Tania Marquez

CHALICE LIGHTING  Leah Dunham (adapted)

It starts with You!
More hands to reach out, more voices to sing
More ideas to branch out
And...less distance between
It starts with you.

HYMN

GREETING

STORY  Calvin, JR and Vanessa Ford

PARTING SONG

HYMN

OFFERING  Improvisation, Ellen Cogen

MEDITATION  Troublemaker Blessing, adapted from Lore Stevens and Cody Hooks

INTERLUDE  It Ain’t Me Babe, Bob Dylan

HYMN  Building a New Way #1017

SERMON  Calling All Holy Troublemakers

HYMN  Now Let Us Sing! #368

CLOSING WORDS  Elena Westbrook

POSTLUDE  Confidence, Felix Mendelssohn
Heather Vickery (she/her) works with congregations and other groups as the Coordinator for Congregational Activism at the UU Service Committee and is part of a team that coordinates with UUSC’s frontline trans partners to help our beloveds become free and safe. She is an active member of her UU church, First Parish Malden, and an aspirant to UU Ministry.

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We strive to be a congregation that welcomes people of all ages, races, religious beliefs, backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. We belong to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, and we are guided and inspired by its values and principles.

Our values and principles move us to remember that we in Northampton inhabit unceded land of the Pocumtuc, Nonotuck and Western Nipmuc peoples. They remind us to acknowledge our responsibility to face the legacies of disposssession and systemic racism that are part of our collective history, even as we also affirm and celebrate the legacies that inspire us.

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Our weekly offerings are shared 50/50, supporting the work of this congregation and organizations in the wider community. For the next several months we are supporting The America Near East Refugee Aid, Climate Action Now – Western MA, Communities for Restorative Justice, Neighbor to Neighbor, Holyoke, and the Sojourner Truth School. Online contributions are greatly appreciated. You can access our online donation page by scanning the QR code below: