UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF NORTHAMPTON AND FLORENCE

January 14, 2024
MLK’s Dream - A Service for All Ages

WELCOME
The Reverend Janet C. Bush

PRELUDE
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, Thomas Dorsey

OPENING WORDS
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

CHALICE LIGHTING
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
Only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
Only love can do that.

HYMN
Circle Round for Freedom #155

SONG
Strange Fruit, Abel Meeropol
Chestina Thrower

READING
“I Have a Dream,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Booker Bush

GREETING

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINUTE

OFFERTORY
Stand Up, Cynthia Erivo/Joshuah Brian Campbell

MEDITATION

INTERLUDE
Deep River, Harry Thacker Burleigh
Parris Scott

READING
“Harlem,” Langston Hughes

SONG
A Change Is Gonna Come, Sam Cooke
Parris Scott

PROFILE
Mari Copeny

HYMN
Siyahamba, #1030

PROFILE
Yolanda Renée King
HYMN

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we’ll walk hand in hand, we will live in peace

PROFILE

Jerome Foster II

HYMN

Lift Every Voice, James Weldon Johnson/J. Rosamond Johnson #149

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Golden, Jill Scott

ABOUT USNF

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 mission statement:

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

SUNDAY OFFERING – THANK YOU

Our weekly offerings are shared equally between USNF and outside organizations. We are currently 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. You can access our online donation page by scanning the QR code:

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

USNF the Vote is sponsoring today's social hour and lunch. All are welcome!

4-5:30: Grades 5-6 OWL Family Orientation


Jan 21, 4-5:30 Online On Repentance & Repair Book Discussion. Intro through Chapt 3.

Jan 28, 11-12:30: Families Gathering - stay after the service for connection, support and play! Lunch provided.

Feb 6, 5:30-6:30: Community Dinner!! Entree by Irida and salad provided. Bring your own beverage. Contribute a dessert to share (optional). All are welcome.

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The Reverend Janet C. Bush, Minister ~ Ellen Cogen, Music Director ~ Jessica Harwood, Director of Faith Development and Community Engagement ~ Michael Taylor, Manager of Congregational Operations ~ Dara Lum, Child Care Teacher ~ Frank Taillon, Custodian