

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday May 22, 2022, 10:15 am
“Embracing Our Mortality”



Rev. Sally Fritsche
Karen Retzer
Jim Hannum
Sandy Hannum, Reader
Rose St. Clair, REE Coordinator
Juan Camacho, Piano
Emily McKown, Hymn Leader
Avalon Ruby, AV Technician

Prelude “Dexter’s Tune” from Awakenings by Randy Newman

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting “For the Dying,” by John O’Donohue
May your heart be breathless in the light and lightness
Where each and every thing is, at last, its true self
Within that serene belonging that dwells beside us
On the other side of what we see

***Opening Hymn #123 Spirit of Life**

Time for All Ages adapted from “Lifetimes: the Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children,” by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen

Singing the Children on Their Way #414 As We Leave This Friendly Place

Reflection “Starting the Conversation,” Jim Hannum

Reading “Simple Request,” by Kathy Robinson

Blessing Song “May the Longtime Sun” by Mike Heron

Shared Joys & Sorrows (send your joys and sorrows to joysandsorrows@uucuc.org)

Musical Meditation From “The Hours,” music by Philip Glass

Reading “Let Me Die Laughing,” by Mark Morrison-Reed, read by Sandy Hannum

Community Matters

Offertory “Let it Be a Dance,” by Ric Masten, arr. by Juan Camacho

Reflection “A Good Death,” Karen Retzer

***Hymn #354** “We Laugh We Cry” (verses 1 and 3 only)

Benediction Rev. Sally Fritsche

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

Let me die laughing, savoring one of life's crazy moments. Let me die remembering that life has been good, and that I did what I could. Remind me that I am dying, so that I can live, savor, and love with all my heart.

Postlude "The Seasons", Op. 37b – VI. Barcarolle (June) by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky