ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday May 29, 2022, 10:15 am

Bridging Sunday

Celebrating Celia Barbieri, Rowan Trilling-Hansen, and Demitrius Urban



Rev. Sally Fritsche, Associate Minister
Rev. Karen Bush, Consulting Minister
Rose St. Clair, REE Coordinator
Avalon Ruby, A/V Tech
Juan Camacho, Piano
Emily McKown, Executive Director, Channing Murray Foundation

Prelude "Asterisk" by Orange Range

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting Words written by Rev. Christian Schmidt and Alexis Capen We light this chalice for our children and youth, and for us: celebrating the flame of faith lit in each of us, honoring the light each of us bring into the world, rejoicing in the community we create together.

*Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home

Reflection Celia Barbieri

Blessing Song "May the Longtime Sun" by Mike Heron

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

Musical Meditation "Improvisation" by Juan Camacho

Reflection Rowan Trilling-Hansen

Community Matters

Offertory "Sparkle" by RADWIMPS

Reflection Demitrius Urban

Song "Swan Song" by Emily McKown

Litany of Commitment to Bridging Youth Congregation

Words of Blessing Rev. Sally Fritsche

*Bridging Ceremony

Slideshow

*Hymn #414 As We Leave This Friendly Place

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing "Go Boldly" by Jean M. Olson

May you be brave enough to expose your aching woundedness and reveal your vulnerability. May you speak your deepest truths, knowing that they will change as you do. May you sing the music within you, composing your own melody, playing your song with all your heart. May you draw, paint, sculpt, and sew, showing the world your vision. May you write letters, poetry, biography, slogans, graffiti, the great novel, laying bare your words to love and hate. May you love even though your heart breaks again and again. And until the end of your days, may your life be filled with possibilities and courage.

Postlude "Children" by Robert Miles

*You are invited to stand, if standing is comfortable for you.

Litany of Commitment to Bridging Youth

Minister: Childhood is ending and the world beckons, the journey outward to new adventures. We offer these blessings to you, that you may know that wherever your life takes you, the teachings of this faith will support you and the blessings of this congregation are with you.

Parents, **caregivers and grandparents of Bridgers**: We have seen you grow from acorn to oak tree. We cherished you at every stage of childhood. In sorrow and joy, we see that the world needs you, and your journey begins. We honor you for all you have been, all you are now, and all you will be. We pledge our love and support to you, always.

Bridgers: Thank you for all you have given us, and for your blessings as we step forward into new lives.

Youth in congregation: We thank you for the gifts of who you are: your laughter, your quirks, your deep thoughts and showing up as we journeyed together. In sorrow and joy, we see that the world needs you, and your journey begins. We honor you for all you have been, all you are now, and all you will be. We pledge our love and support to you, always.

Bridgers: Gratitude for all you have given us, and for your blessings as we step forward into new lives.

Young Adults: We welcome you with joy to the young adult community in this church, or wherever you may go. We honor you for all you have been, all you are, and all you will be. As you cross over to us, we pledge our love and support to you always. Join us with our blessings!

Bridgers: Gratitude for welcoming us, and for your blessings as we step forward into new lives.

Congregation: We honor you for all you have been, all you are, and all you will be. May what you have learned here support you and inspire you, as we move together in deeper understanding of what matters and how we want to live. We are on this journey together, wherever you may go. We pledge our love and support to you, always.

Bridgers: Gratitude for all you have given us, and for your blessings as we step forward into new lives. We know we are cherished.