

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday November 22, 2020, 10:15 am

"Visionary Voices: Karen Simms on Resilience"



Rev. Florence Caplow

In Dialogue with Karen Crawford Simms

(see guest biography below)

Matthew Gladden, Piano

Austin Cody, Song Leader

Rev. Sally Fritsche, Meditation

Chris Hannuaer, AV

"Relationships are the agents of change and healing; and the most powerful therapy is human love." ~ Bruce D. Perry

Prelude: "I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free" by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas

Opening Words & Land Acknowledgment Rev. Florence Caplow

Chalice Lighting

As we kindle this flame, we re-ignite our commitment to the mission of our congregation:
To build community, seek inspiration, promote justice, and find peace

Calming Hands Five Fingers Meditation for all Ages Rev. Sally Fritsche

Hymn #108 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

Community Matters & Offertory "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon

Joys and Sorrows & Blessing Song "May the Longtime Sun"

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

Time of Music and Reflection "Just as I Am"

Reading from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from "Where Do We Go from Here"

Hymn "Rebuilding Starts with Weeping" words by Amanda Udis-Kessler, to the melody of Hymn #265 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" sung by Austin Cody

Visionary Voice Karen Simms on Resilience

Anthem "I Believe" by Mark Miller, sung by the MDUUC Virtual Chalice Choir, and used with permission of MDUUC

Closing Words & Blessing

Postlude "Celebration" arr. by Mark Hayes

Chalice Extinguishing

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.

Speaker Bio: Karen Crawford Simms has spent over 30 years advocating for individuals and families who have been marginalized because of ethnicity, gender, health, or socioeconomic status. She's the founder Trauma & Resilience Initiative that coordinates the Community Violence Response effort in Champaign County and advocates for trauma informed practices and policies to engender feelings of safety, trustworthiness, collaboration, power sharing, empowerment, equality, and justice.

Land Acknowledgment: *We recognize and acknowledge that we gather today on indigenous land, taken through deception, coercion, and violence. We acknowledge the continued displacement and oppression of Native people and honor their commitments to survival, identity, and the protection of our world.*

Reading today

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community, by Martin Luther King, Jr., Beacon Press, 1968