



The Solstice on June 20th is a moment of fullness. Today we celebrate those who are graduating from high school, a time of fullness and change. For uncounted centuries, human religion has been a way of calming comfort in such times. Conventional rituals and habits can comfort and ground us. The UU approach, always open to the new, also upholds what is comforting, we also embody our own conventions. In these times when many are questioning the progress of recent centuries and trying to turn back the calendar, what conventions will both comfort and inspire UUs?

Service Leader: Reverend Thomas Perchlik
Celebrant: Roxanne Harrison

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop: Hideo Fujita & Darius Severson
Gathering Music: John Harrison
Welcome: Roxanne Harrison
Announcements:
1. Annual CUUF Yard Sale summary– Amy Massey
Land Acknowledgement

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Words
Congregational Song: “*Light Divine - Summer Solstice Chant*” by Flora Ware– Led by Leigh Pobst, Cathie Lau, and Rhonnie Craven
Chalice Lighting:
*Yesterday, our distant ancestors gathered around a flame
to share their stories and find comfort.
Tomorrow, our descendants will gather round a flame,
talking of a life we will never know.
But today, it is we who gather here, around this flame;
seeking, believing, and being, together.*

Centering

Time For all Ages: TBD
Sharing and Honoring or Prayer: Rev. Thomas Perchlik
Reflective Music: Hymn #66, “When the Summer Sun is Shining” –Leigh Pobst on piano, Cathie Lau, and Rhonnie Craven
Wisdom Reading: “Solstice Poem” written and read by James Black
Silent Meditation: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Seeking Wisdom and Inspiration

Sermon/Program: “Religion of Comforts and Conventions”–Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Returning to the World

Offering: “Midsummer's Dawn” by Clíodhna Ní Aodáin– Cathie Lau on cello
Congregational Singing: “Praise the Sun,” chant by Sara Lynch– led by Cathie Lau, Rhonnie Craven, and Leigh Pobst - Harmonium,
Benediction/Prayer
Chalice Extinguishing: By Amy Zucker Morgenstern
*Never has it been more true than now:
We extinguish this flame,
But the sparks within us remain alight.
From each of us, in our supposed solitude,
The signals buzz and hum, sparkling through space to one another,
Connecting us invisibly,
But palpably.
We are one.
And from every window,
Our light shines.*
Closing Song: “Carry the Flame”
Coffee Hour

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A special “Thank You” goes out to:
Celebrant: Roxanne Harrison
Speaker: Rev. Thomas Perchlik
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John Harrison, Leigh Pobst, Cathie Lau, Rhonnie Craven
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Zoom Host: Owyn Barnes
Coffee Host: TBD
Pastoral Care: Gary Pape
Religious Educators: Mari Lyons and Laura Mrachek