

"The Fire of Commitment" FIRE COMMUNION January 4, 2025

Join us for this annual ritual of releasing the things in our lives that are holding us back and looking forward to our intentions for the new year.

Celebrant: Chris Rader

Service Leader: Rita Salama

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Gathering Music: Leigh Pobst on piano

Welcome: Chris Rader

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Introduction of New Building Task Force

AFFIRMING OUR CONNECTIONS

Opening Congregational Song: "Gather the Spirit," Hymn #347, by Jim Scott

Call to Worship: "Blessed Is the Fire that Burns Deep in the Soul," by Eric Heller-Wagner

Chalice Lighting: Words by Thomas Rhodes, followed by unison:

In the light of truth,

We wake to the warmth of love,

to seeking and to sharing.

CENTERING

Time For all Ages: "Grandmother Spider Steals the Fire" a Choctaw Story

Singing the Children to Class: (optional)

Now, go with each other to find meaning in the spirit of love that we share.

Sharing and Honoring

Reflective Music: "Sacred Silence," by Tom Booth & Jenny Pixler, played by Leigh Pobst

Silent Meditation or Prayer

SEEKING WISDOM AND INSPIRATION

Program: "The Fire of Commitment" - Rita Salama

• **Ritual:** Fire Communion, Burning Away

◦ **Ritual Music:** Steve Clem

• **Ritual:** Fire Communion, Igniting the Fire

◦ **Ritual Music:** "Light a Candle for the World," by Michael Allen Harrison; instrumental video

RETURNING TO THE WORLD

Offering

Offertory Music: Steve Clem

Closing Congregational Song: "The Fire of Commitment," Hymn #1028, by Jason Shelton & Mary K.

Morn; video featuring Foothills Unitarian Church

Benediction: "There Are Miles Behind You," by Andrew Pakula

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 and embody in our lives,

Until we are together again.

Closing Song: "Carry the Flame"

Coffee Hour

MAKE YOUR OFFERING

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO:

Service Leader: Rita Salama

Greeters: Gary Pape, LeRoy Farmer, & Rhonnie Craven

Musicians: Leigh Pobst, Steve Clem, & Foothills Unitarian Church

Service Graphics: Chris Rader

Tech Support: Darius Severson

Announcement Loop: Hideo Fujita

Zoom Host: Owyn Barnes

Coffee Hosts: Pam & Jack Toevs

Care Team: Barbara Flick

Religious Educators: Penny Tobiska & Marisol Lyons



Seek, Embrace, Serve

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