

The Unitarian Universalist Church



On Being an Apocaloptimist: Praise for Change

**December 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Intern Minister Omega Burckhardt**

Order of Service

Prelude	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	<i>Dorsey, arr. Schrader</i>
Sing #1031	“Filled with Loving Kindness”	<i>Hayes/Riddell</i>
Welcome		
Covenant	Love is the spirit of this church, and reason is its guide. To dwell together in peace, to seek truth in freedom, and to serve human need: this is our covenant.	
Sung Response	May love shine forth through us today May light of reason guide our way May beauty, truth, and joy become A flame that burns in everyone.	
Invocation		
Musical Response	“When Darkness Nears”	<i>Porter/Hurd</i>
Story	“Bear’s Loose Tooth” by Karma Wilson	Lindsay
Offertory	“My Lord, What a Morning!”	<i>arr. Krentz Organ</i>
Testimony		Linda Lawrence
Singing #348	“Guide My Feet”	<i>Traditional/Whalum</i>
Readings	Sean Parker Dennison “How to Survive an Apocalypse” Lama Rod Owens, a selection from the book “Love and Rage”	
Centering		
Anthem	“People Get Ready”	<i>Mayfield, arr. Shaw</i>
Message	On Being an Apocaloptimist: Praise for Change	
Singing #1021	“Lean on Me”	<i>Bill Withers</i>
*Benediction and Closing Blessing		<i>Scott</i>

“Go your way in peace,
Wander as you may;
Blessed is the path you take;
May love guide you on your way.”



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