

The Unitarian Universalist Church



May 2021
Acceptance

“This being human
is a guest house.”

2: The Things We
Cannot Change

9: The Good
Enough Parent

16: Music Sunday

23: Omega's last
Internship Sermon

30: TBD

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What We Learned the Hard Way

May 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson

Order of Service

Prelude	“Pianosong”	<i>Halley</i>
Sing #324	“Where My Free Spirit Onwards Leads”	<i>Carpenter/arr. Vaughan</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	“We Live Not for Ourselves Alone”	<i>Shuttleworth/Schell</i>
Story for All Ages	“The Branch” by Mireille Messier	Lindsay Trank
Offertory	“Reflection #8”	<i>Shelton</i>
Testimony		Brian Gustafson
Singing #123	“Spirit of Life”	<i>McDade/McLaren</i>
Readings	“Wintered Over” by Lisa Breger “what the cicada said to the black boy” by Clint Smith	
Centering		
Anthem	“We Need Each Other”	<i>Gittler (adapt.)/Alexander</i>
Message	What We Learned the Hard Way	
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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