

ORDER OF SERVICE for Sunday, September 11, 2022

Water Communion 2022

With The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey and Kem Tetlow

Prelude: Behind the Waterfall/Desert Rain Medley by David Lanz (instrumental played by Maggie Mooha)

Introduction/Zoom Orientation/Welcome with Kem Tetlow

Ringing the Bell

Welcome with Kem Tetlow

Land Acknowledgment with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

Announcements with Kem Tetlow

Opening Words We Bid You Welcome #442 (Call & Response)

Chalice Lighting

"We light the chalice as a reminder that together we are a beacon in the desert. May its light lead the way to love, acceptance and justice as we strive for personal and societal transformation."

Hymn/Song: Love Will Guide Us #131 SLT (played by Maggie Mooha)

Story for All Ages: Hey Water by Antionette Portis

Offering and Invitations with Kem Tetlow

The Offering this month is shared with **Nevadans For the Common Good** ([LINK](#)).

"With gratitude for the abundance in our own lives, we give for the life of this congregation and the benefit of the larger community."

Of Our Hearts with Kem Tetlow

Moment of Silence

Hymn #2: #123 SLT, Spirit of Life by Carolyn McDade (played by Maggie Mooha)

Reading with Kem Tetlow

Reading on Water by Kem Tetlow

Sermon with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

Water, Water, Water

Chant: Born of Water

Water Ritual

Participants quietly bring their small water offering to share. Music continues until all waters have been mingled.

Reading with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

Blessings of Water by Starhawk

Hymn #3: Blue Boat Home #1064 STJ (played by Maggie Mooha)

Benediction with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

Extinguish the Chalice

"We release that which was called with love and gratitude, and we extinguish the flame, but not our commitment to being a beacon in the desert. This burns brightly until we gather again."

Postlude: Return to the Heart by David Lanz (instrumental played by Maggie Mooha)

Announcements

Let's Talk About It: Choose your own breakout room

1. Today's Service Topic
2. General coffee talk
3. Social Justice Chat
4. Pastoral Care sharing: How are you doing?
5. Newcomers: info about UUCLV