

Order of Service March 27, 2022
Trans Day of Visibility
with many voices

Prelude: I'm Winning written and performed by The Doubleclicks (See lyrics below)

Introduction/Zoom Orientation/Welcome

Ringling the Bell

Welcome

Opening Words

Blessed Are the Queer by HP Rivers

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."

Opening Hymn: I Am Her by Shea Diamond (See lyrics below)

Joys and Sorrows

Speaker – Joanne Culver

Guided Meditation

Pastoral Hymn: Meditation on Breathing by Sarah Dan Jones (See lyrics below)

Offering and Invitations

The Offering this month is shared with the **Southern Nevada Adaptive Sports Foundation/Las Vegas Wheelchair Basketball Foundation** ([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."

Speaker – Sophia Hart

Story for All Ages: "Anabel" by Goldfrapp (See lyrics below)

Speaker – Margaret Johnston

Closing Song: The Pronouns Song"written by Sunday Comes Afterward, performed by The Doubleclicks (See lyrics below)

Benediction – “Freeing” – Excerpt from Elliot Page interview with Oprah

Extinguish the Chalice

And now, join with me...

"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."

Announcements

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

Zoom has a feature to breakout into small groups to check-in with each other. In just a moment, we will open the rooms that you can join. If you cannot join on your own, please ask and we will help get you to the room you'd like to visit.

1. General coffee talk
2. Social Justice Chat
3. Pastoral Care sharing: How are you doing?
4. Events, hopes, plans of UUCLV
5. Newcomers: info about UUCLV

If you are in person, please join us for coffee and chatting in the social hall after the service. Please remember to keep your mask on over your nose and mouth while in the building. If you would like to eat or drink, we can arrange for chairs outside.

Media for Service 03/27/2022

Prelude: "I'm Winning" written and performed by The Doubleclicks 4:08

<https://youtu.be/fAgM1jK8r9Q>

I was jumping on shells
and falling down holes
there was a 3D open world out there
but I was stuck in side-scroll

I could've been winning at checkers
but I was losing at chess

until i solved the biggest puzzle
and unlocked the treasure chest

I'm a player, not an obstacle
I am redefining possible
I have a new victory condition
there are way more than two
ways to win

I'm winning, I'm winning
I'm playing the right game finally
I'm winning, I'm winning
I'm using the right name finally

left right left right b a and start
listen to me and love with your heart
pick up the piece and roll the dice
you can help a person have a better life
maybe it's new and maybe it's hard, can't you try to care
players like me and all my friends have always been there!

I'm winning, I'm winning
I'm playing the right game finally
I'm winning, I'm winning
I'm using the right name finally

Opening Hymn: I Am Her by Shea Diamond (See lyrics below)

https://youtu.be/4_zOOnvB7K8

Intoduction to the song: Shea Diamond is a Singer/Songwriter based in NYC by way of Flint, MI. She was born into a gender role that she did not accept & didn't feel like herself. Desperate to find the financial means to transition to her true gender, she committed a crime in 1999 & was sentenced to 10 years in a men's prison. While incarcerated, she found a community that

shared her trans experience - it was there she found her voice. She began writing "I Am Her" as a statement to a world that said she shouldn't exist. She wrote it as an anthem for all those that felt shunned for simply being who they were. In 2009 she was released from prison. Shortly after her release, she moved to New York City where she found a studio to record "I Am Her" and the means to create a video for her song.

There's an outcast in everybody's life and I am her

(I am her)

There's a shadow in everybody's front door and I am her

(I am her)

There's a dark cloud in everybody's sunlight and I am her

(I am her)

Oh you know I am her

All that glitters isn't gold

At least that's what I've been told

I've got so many issues and problems that I go through

Sometimes I can't sleep at night if I had my face heaven for bid

It wouldn't be the worst thing that I have a deal

It's a hell of a world that we're living in James: a sin is a sin

Don't look at me immediately

And whisper behind my back thinking I'm naïve

It's my southern hospitality

Tolerates more BS than even I can believe

There's an outcast in everybody's life and I am her

(I am her)

There's a shadow in everybody's front door and I am her

(I am her)

There's a dark cloud in everybody's sunlight and I am her

(I am her)

Oh you know I am her

Your ignorance leave the head of the stench
The Aroma lingers on generations have known
Ain't it ironic the smarter we get
The less we understand about the simplest shit
I am shame she is me
We get down with our bad sales figuratively
Don't care too much what other people say
I get along swell by my goddamn self
Never asked for no one's philosophy
It's obvious I'm proud of me
There's an outcast in everybody's life and I am her
(I am her)
There's a shadow in everybody's front door and I am her
(I am her)
There's a dark cloud in everybody's sunlight and I am her
(I am her)
Oh you know I am her

Pastoral Hymn: Meditation on Breathing by Sarah Dan Jones

<https://youtu.be/VuAd-yImOt4>

Breathe in, Breathe out. Breathe in, Breathe out.

When I breathe in, I breathe in Peace When I breathe out, I breathe out Love. When I breathe in, I breathe in Peace When I breathe out, I breathe out Love. Repeat.

Breathe in, Breathe out. Breathe in, Breathe out.

Story for All Ages: Anabel by Goldfrapp https://youtu.be/-Vnk_j1iKMA

When you dream you only dream your Annabel.

All the secrets there inside you Annabel.

Bound beneath an emerald sky sing Annabel.

Nothing that they did will stop you Annabel.
Land of the lines, tangled there in porcelain.
Under the stars you'll begin.
When you dream you only dream your Annabel.
Sleep reminds you takes you there, oh Annabel.
Gentle whisper, endless winters, Annabel.
Why've they could have let you be both Annabel.
Land of the lines, of the years below still lies.
You are the truth they denied.
Run like the sea, tangled there in porcelain.
Under the stars you begin.
Oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh ah
(Only a boy under that)
Oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh ah
(Only a boy da da da)

**Closing Song: The Pronouns Song"written by Sunday Comes Afterward, performed by
The Doubleclicks <https://youtu.be/8Hb30PE1xgo>**

[Verse 1]

So you have a friend named Danny
And his pronoun is "he"
But for years you've been accustomed
To refer to him as "she"
And you want to get it right
But routine is set in stone
So you practice his new pronouns
Loud and clear, when you're alone

[Chorus 1]

This is my friend, his name is Danny
He himself is a friend of mine
I'm so glad to be a friend of his
Both he and I are fine

[Verse 2]

So you have a friend named S
And their pronoun is "they"
And maybe you're not used to
Thinking of them in that way
And you want to get it right
In the flesh and on the phone
So you practice their new pronouns
Loud and clear, when you're alone

[Chorus 2]

This is my friend, their name is S
They themselves are a friend of mine
I'm so glad to be a friend of theirs
Both they and I are fine

[Bridge]

You don't want to hurt your friends
Or imply that they're pretenders
Be sure to use the pronouns that
Reflect their proper genders
Habits may die hard
But that's not a dispensation

To make some brand-new habits
All it takes is acclimation

[Verse 3]

So you have a friend named Gal
And hir pronoun is “ze”
Which might be a fresh addition
To your vo-cab-u-lar-y
And you want to get it right
In New York and in Bayonne
So you practice hir new pronouns
Loud and clear, when you're alone

[Chorus 3]

This is my friend, hir name is Gal
Ze himself is a friend of mine
I'm so glad to be a friend of hers
Both ze and I are fine

[Outro]

All you need is practice
And you'll get it in the end
And surely that is worth it
If you want to be a friend

Benediction – “Freeing” – Excerpt from Elliot Page interview with Oprah
<https://youtu.be/UtzIGFOKQKE>

