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Flaming Chalice International Service
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Responsibility

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Order of Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC	<i>We Shall Be Known</i>	Mamuse
OPENING WORDS		Trevor Noah
LIGHTING THE CHALICE		Rev. Fulgence
OPENING HYMN	<i>Come, Come Whoever You Are</i>	
TIME FOR ALL AGES		Liz James
SERMON	<i>My Muzungu Eyes Are Improving</i>	Liz James
CLOSING HYMN	<i>More Waters Rising</i>	
EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE		Rev. Fulgence
CLOSING MUSIC	<i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>	

Permission for this service provided by Mirth and Dignity – see below for more details about the organization and those involved in creating the service.

Thanks to Susie Hubley for the announcements.

Video Editing: Erica Bartlett

Please join us after the service for online coffee hour.

A2U2 SHARE THE PLATE

The Share the Plate recipient for July is Maine Needs. They strive to help individuals and families in Maine meet their basic, material needs by providing donated clothing, hygiene products, household items, and other necessities. They focus their work on those starting life over from scratch: domestic abuse survivors, asylum seekers and those facing financial hardships. They partner with schools, caseworkers, nurses and nonprofits to provide these material resources. See maineneeds.org for more information.

About the Organizations and Presenters

Flaming Chalice International is a UU charity that embraces a model of leadership that empowers the communities and people they serve. You can learn more about their incredible projects at flaminginternational.org.

Mirth and Dignity is a Unitarian Universalist not-for-profit dedicated to humour, evangelism, worship, creating online UU content, and raising funds for good causes. We are best known for our 75,000 person Facebook community, the UU Hysterical Society. But we also have a website, UUHystericalSociety.com, where we provide more humour materials, worship resources, and have an online store. Other great Mirth and Dignity projects include The Cracked Cup podcast, which you can find at crackedcuppodcast.com or in your podcast player of choice, and the Mirth and Dignity YouTube channel. Mirth and Dignity also does worship services—you can learn more by contacting them through their website, or by joining the mailing list for great funny content and periodic giveaways.

Rev Fulgence Ndadigimana works as a community and consulting Minister. He can be reached through email, at revfulgence@yahoo.fr regarding guest preaching, or consulting work in the areas of anti-racism work, not for profit development, and international aid.

Liz James does content creation, freelance writing, and preaching for a living. She can be reached through her website at lizjameswrites.com.

About The Amazing Musicians:

Matt Meyer is a UU Musician, community organizer, guest preacher, and the director of operations for Sanctuary Boston. He also does amazing worship services, and can be booked through his website at rhythmrevelations.com.

Rev Joanna Lubkin has a deep connection to a number of UU communities. She serves as Half time Minister at All Souls Church in Braintree, is the Communications and Digital Ministry Associate at First Church in Jamaica Plain, and is the Worship Arts Lead at The Sanctuary Boston. Sanctuary Boston does the best worship services I have ever attended, on Wednesday evenings. You can learn more about them at <http://thesanctuaryboston.org>.

Francisco Ruiz is a UU Musician and Music Director at the UU congregation of Long beach. He sells music mediations, and makes incredible original music,

which you can check out at www.franciscovocals.com. Also, have a look at the UU Church of Long Beach for any commissioned work, preparation of virtual choirs, materials for Music Directors, 1-1 classes on how to make Virtual Band or Choir videos. They charge a fee for using our videos depending on the size of churches—for more details, contact Francisco directly. The UUCLB YouTube is: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCF0diLidligF7YD4omVVHPQ>

The song Francisco Ruiz sang is from the website <https://songsforthegreatturning.net> which provides all kinds of incredible music for use with social change and growth.

Saro Lynch-Thomason: Currently Saro is creating *Songs that Speak*, a YouTube series about the history and folklore behind traditional songs, which can be viewed at youtube.com/sarolynchthomason. She is also at work on her next album, *More Waters Rising*. Check out her website at www.sarosings.com
Rev Lynn Ungar is a UU poet and writer, and the author of *Come, Come, Whoever you are*. You can check out more of her amazing writing at LynnUngar.com. She has a new ebook out, and it's amazing.

A special thank you to Joyce Polly, the author, for donating the use of *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*, as well as Bob Nicoll, Barry Hall, and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton, Massachusetts, for donating the use of their rendition.

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