

Music is the Language of Heaven.

Message on the grave of musician Levon Helm, Woodstock, NY.

August 11, 2024

Allen Ave UU Church

Welcome and Announcements		John Burdick
Chalice Lighting		Albert Schweitzer
Prayer/Meditation	<i>God be in my head and in my understanding</i>	
		Kathleen Hiffa McCallum
Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude		Rodney Mashia
Reflecting on the Power of Song		Noel Genova
Congregational Song	<i>This Land is Your Land</i>	Woody Guthrie
Reflecting on the Power of Song		Rodney Mashia
Closing Song	#118 <i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Traditional
Benediction and extinguishing the chalice		

The **Share the Plate** recipient for August is the Center for Grieving Children, which provides a safe space, loving peer support, outreach, and education to grieving children, teens, young adults, families and the community. You can learn more at <https://www.cgcmaine.org/>.

Participants:

John Burdick is a long-term member of A2U2, who serves on the Building and Grounds Committee, and participates in a long-running SEG. He will be doing welcome and announcements and Joys and Concerns this morning.

Noel Genova has been a member of A2U2 for nearly 40 years and is a lifelong UU. She is a primary care Physician Assistant, guitar player, singer, and sometime songwriter. The songs she will present today have been inspired by interactions with patients, and her grandson, all of which reflect and add to her commitment to UU principles and actions.

Kathleen Hiffa McCallum is an Amrit Yoga Nidra facilitator at Scarborough Yoga and has been a Realtor in Saco, Maine since 1986. She sometimes uses the prayer/meditation that she is presenting in today's service in her yoga and meditation classes.

Rodney Mashia is a singer/songwriter/guitarist/flautist now based in Biddeford, Maine. Born in New Orleans, raised in rural Louisiana and educated in New England, Rodney has been touching hearts for decades with his soulful music. Based in Biddeford, Maine, he has entertained many groups with his original lyrics that reflect his unique history. He describes his music as "Acoustic Soul—music for and from the Heart."

This Land is Your Land—Woody Guthrie

Chorus: This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

I roamed and I rambled, and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

Nobody living can ever stop me
As I go walking that freedom highway
Nobody living can make me turn back
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus