

**“Being Human:
Honing Our Inner
Strengths”**

with Dena Eakles

**November 17
10 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC “Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr, BWV 639” by J.S. Bach, arranged by Federico Busoni. Eric Kraemer, piano.

RINGING THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are visiting us for the first time, we're glad you're here! Visit uulacrosse.org/connect to tell us about yourself.

CHALICE LIGHTING “Toward Repair of Relationship” adapted by Joanna Lubkin
May this Chalice flame call us to search our souls, sifting through the past year to see where we may have missed the mark. May its light guide us toward the courageous and openhearted apology, toward repair of relationships in our lives. May its heat warm our hearts to offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us, allowing us to release the chains of grudge and blame that have bound us to them. And may its strength help us take the actions that are within our power to make this next year more just, more loving, and more peaceful for our communities and for all of humanity.

OPENING SONG STLT #95 “There Is More Love Somewhere” Eric Kraemer, piano.

OPENING WORDS “Invitation to Arrive and Rest” by Rev. Shari Woodbury.

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Peace Train” by Yusuf / Cat Stevens. Video by Playing for Change.

Youth invited to go to RE Activities as congregation sings STLT #168 “One More Step”: One more step, / we will take one more step, / 'til there is peace for us and everyone, / we'll take one more step.

COVENANT

We are a caring community that inspires, nurtures and empowers one another. With trust, respect, and compassion, we strive to listen deeply, communicate clearly and act with love toward one another, our community and the world.

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY Visit uulacrosse.org/waystogive to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund. This month's special collection is New Horizons.

Music: “Choral in F Major, Gib dich zufrieden und sei stille, BWV 510” by J.S. Bach. Eric Kraemer, piano.

READING AND SILENT REFLECTION “Practice Repair” by Rev. David McFarland.

MEDITATION MUSIC “Now More Than Ever” by Lea Morris.

TALK “Being Human: Honing Our Inner Strengths” with Dena Eakles.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG STLT #313 “O What a Piece of Work Are We” Eric Kraemer, piano.

CLOSING WORDS AND CHALICE EXTINGUISHING “Bring Happiness” by Barbara Cheatham

*Before we gather here again —
may each of us bring happiness into another's life;
may we each be surprised by the gifts that surround us;
may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity —
And may we remain together in spirit
til the hour we meet again.*

POSTLUDE “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645” by J.S. Bach, arranged by Federico Busoni. Eric Kraemer, piano.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Please join us next Sunday, November 24 at 10 AM!

“Reflections On a Quarter Century of Vigiling for Peace” with Deborah Buffton