

“Reflections On a Quarter Century of Vigiling for Peace”

November 24
10 AM



with Deborah Buffton

GATHERING MUSIC (Zoom Only) “The Morning Hangs a Signal” by William Groth. Carol Mathieson, piano (recording).

RINGING THE CHIMES

PRELUDE MUSIC “Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem: Theme and Variations 1-4” by Donald Evan Thomas. Eric Kraemer, piano.

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 #388 “Dona Nobis Pacem” Eric Kraemer, piano.

OPENING WORDS from *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train* by Howard Zinn.

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

TIME FOR ALL AGES Loving Kindness Meditation: “May You Be Happy” by Besty Rose.

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: “Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem: Variations 5-7” by Donald Evan Thomas. Eric Kraemer, piano.

READING “Prayer of the War Atheist” by Jessica Purple Rodela.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG STJ #1026 “If Every Woman in the World” 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 “Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem: Variations 8-9, Finale” by Donald Evan Thomas. Eric Kraemer, piano.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Please join us next Sunday, December 1 at 10 AM!

Potluck! Bring a dish to share. All are welcome!