

“Finding Joy Under the Reign of a Bully”

with Rev. Stephen
Minnema

March 9
10 AM

GATHERING MUSIC STLT #15 “The Lone Wild Bird” Lynn Biddick, piano

RINGING THE CHIMES

WELCOMING AND 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 “Trust Must Be Rekindled” by Rev Scott Tayler

We gather today to hear the call of trust. Though our hearts have been bruised by broken promises and dreams deferred, may we listen again for that longing to repair and be repaired, that hunger to start anew. Like this flame, trust is something that needs to be rekindled again and again. May today spark the fire of a new match.

OPENING SONG STJ #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place” Lynn Biddick, piano

OPENING WORDS “Know This” by Chad A. Snyder

TIME FOR ALL AGES *The Seed of Compassion* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Read by Carmen Golay.

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.

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY Visit uulacrosse.org/waystogive to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund and/or special collection. This month's special collection is the Village Bicycle Project.

Music: STLT #108 “My Life Flows On In Endless Song” Lynn Biddick, piano

READING Psalm 30

TALK “Finding Joy Under the Reign of a Bully” with Rev. Stephen Minnema

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG “You've Got A Friend” by Carole King. Lynn Biddick, 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 STLT #108 “My Life Flows On In Endless Song” Lynn Biddick, piano

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Please join us next Sunday, March 16 at 10 AM

Equinox Service with Cindy Ericksen & New Member Recognition