

# “The Power of UU Resistance and Love”

May 4  
10 AM

Rev. T.J. FitzGerald

Pre-recorded sermon from  
First Unitarian Church of Dallas

GATHERING MUSIC “Canon” by Johann Pachelbel. Eric Kraemer, 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](https://uulacrosse.org/connect) to tell us about yourself.

CHALICE LIGHTING “In the Soft Light of this Flame” by Rev Scott Tayler

*In the soft light of this flame, may our lives shimmer anew. May we notice new possibilities in those relationships that seem lost. May the hunger growing within give birth to new dreams. May the courage of letting go pull a new story into view. May what is give way to what might be. May we believe again in the world we imagine.*

OPENING SONG STLT #298 For “Wake Now My Senses” Eric Kraemer, piano

OPENING WORDS “Moving Forward” By Jo VonRue

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

TIME FOR ALL AGES *We are the Builders!* by Deepa Iyer. Illustrated by Romina Galotta.  
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.*

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY Visit [uulacrosse.org/waystogive](https://uulacrosse.org/waystogive) to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund and/or special collection. This month’s special collection is LCT's Summer Theatre Education Program.

**Music:** “Prelude Opus 29 No. 11” by Frédéric Chopin. Eric Kraemer, piano

READING “Message to Our Beloved Unitarian Universalist Community by your Unitarian Universalist Community” from UU World Magazine, November 6, 2024

SERMON “The Power of UU Resistance and Love” with Rev T.J. FitzGerald. Recorded at First Unitarian Church of Dallas, February 26. 2025.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG “If I Had a Hammer” by Lee Hays and Pete Seeger. Eric Kraemer, piano.

CLOSING WORDS AND CHALICE EXTINGUISHING “Holy and Generous Love” by Elena Westbrook

*Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long and we can bend it toward justice. Go in courage, for together we have the strength to confront injustice in our daily lives and the larger world. Go in love, because a holy and generous love is both the reason and the means by which we transform our lives.*

POSTLUDE “The Song of the Lark, Opus No. 22” by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Eric Kraemer, piano

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

No Service Next Sunday Wyalusing State Park Weekend!