

# “Imagining Our Way into Freedom”

with Rev. Krista Taves

(Pre-recorded at Eliot Unitarian Chapel in Kirkwood, MO)

July 13 10 AM

GATHERING MUSIC “The Earth Delights” by Jon Stuttgen. Arranged and recorded by members of Prairie Smoke.

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](http://uulacrosse.org/connect) to tell us about yourself.

CHALICE LIGHTING “The Light Within Us” by Brian C. Lee

*We light our chalice as a symbol of the Light within us and the life that flows through the world around us. It is our beacon as we search for truth. It is the warmth in our heart for love. And it is the energy that propels us to action. May we be kindled by our time together.*

OPENING SONG “Fast Car” by Tracy Chapman

OPENING WORDS “A Prayer for Imagination” by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

TIME FOR ALL AGES *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires. 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](http://uulacrosse.org/waystogive) to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund and/or special collection. This month’s special collection is The Nature Place.

Music: STLT #402 “From You I Receive” Video by Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

READING “We Imagine a Path” by D. Scott Cooper

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG “Imagine” by John Lennon

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 “Imagine” by John Lennon

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us Next Sunday at 10 AM  
“The Science and Spiritual Practice of Meditation” with  
Marilyn Huckenpoehler and Cindy Ericksen