**The Unitarian Society of Germantown**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

***IN GATHERING SUNDAY***

**with**

**Interim Minister Rev. Cheryl M. Walker,**

**Interim Dir. of Spiritual Development Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers,**

**Musicians Rev. Patricia Bird, piano, & Karen Smith, drums**

**and Worship Associate Tom Ott**

INGATHERING MUSIC Karen Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Worship Associate Tom Ott

RINGING OF THE PRAYER BOWL Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

CHALICE LIGHTING

PRELUDE *Welcome, Welcome* Choir members

 by Cliff Hardin Rev. Patricia Bird, piano

STORY FOR ALL AGES *The Cycle That Connects Us* Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers

 by Molly Housh Gordon, Jamila Batchelder

INTRODUCTION TO WATER COMMUNION Rev. Cheryl

WATER COMMUNION Congregation

 Accompaniment, Karen Smith

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD Tom Ott

PRAYER/ MEDITATION Rev. Cheryl

HYMN *Spirit of Life* by Carolyn McDade #123

*Spirit of Life, Come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

SERMON *Getting To Know Each Other* Rev. Cheryl

HYMN *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door #1*

 Words, Louis Untermeyer; Music, Robert N. Quaile

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OFFERING Tom Ott

OFFERTORY Karen Smith

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Cheryl

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE Karen Smith

PASS THE PEACE Tom Ott

*If you are on Zoom, please accept the invitation to join a Breakout Room for Fellowship.*

*If you are in person, please enjoy our Welcoming Potluck. Select from the buffet set up in the Edna Jones Assembly Room and then enjoy your food outside in the Grove, reserving tables inside for those less mobile.*

 *Kindly remain mindful of observing USG’s Covid-safety protocols of masking when inside and distancing.*

***And be sure to welcome Rev. Cheryl and her wife, Elizabeth Terry!***

**Other Helping Hands This Morning**

Sanctuary Team: Eric Foster, Bob Williford

Zoom Team: Carolyn Scott, Celeste Lamb

Ushers: Lynne Kalish, Jen Bellot, Hal Krieger, Alice Parker

Welcome Table: Maggie Chapman

Sexton: Mike Rogers

***THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT USG***

If you are interested in any of the following events, please find further details at **usguu.org** or in one of our newsletters or contact **communications@usguu.org** or **welcoming@usguu.org**.

We would love to talk to you!

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| *SEPTEMBER 11**Patriot Day****10:30a: Intergen INGATHERING******Worship Service and WELCOMING REV. CHERYL M. WALKER*** ***on Zoom and at USG******11:30a: Potluck Luncheon in the Grove; Buffet in Edna Jones Assembly Room*** | *12**9:00a: Wissahickon Walks**7:30p: Racism Book Study Group* | *13**9:00a: Food Pantry Collection**5:00p: Black Lives Matter Vigil in front of USG, weather permitting* | *14**2:30p: Meditations for Midweek with Deborah Cooper*  | *15**9:00a: Wissahickon Walks**12:00p:* ***POWER GetOutTheVote Call Session*** *in Daskam Rm**7:15p: Thursday Night Mindfulness on Zoom*  | *16**10:30a:* *3rd Friday Book Group at Cathedral Village**5:00p: Stand with Ukraine Vigil in front of USG, weather permitting*  | *17****3:00p:******BLUU Haven Philly*** |
| *18****10:30a:*** ***Worship Service with the Blessing of the Backpacks!******on Zoom and at USG******10:45am: CSD Fall Programming Begins!****2:00p: BLUU Box on Zoom* | *19**9:00a: Wissahickon Walks**7:00p: Mabon Celebration on Zoom**7:30p: Handcrafters on Zoom* | *20**5:00p: Black Lives Matter Vigil in front of USG, weather permitting* | *21**2:30p: Meditations for Midweek with Deborah Cooper*  | *22**9:00a: Wissahickon Walks**7:15p: Thursday Night Mindfulness on Zoom*  | *23*Mindfulness Retreat with Delaware Valley InsightDialogue I*5:00p: Stand with Ukraine Vigil in front of USG, weather permitting*  | *24*Dialogue II |

**Ready for a GOOD Good Time?! Sign Up For.....**

**A Get Out The Vote Call Session**, Thurs Sept 15 & Tues 27, 12-2pm, Daskam Room. Email *socialaction@usguu.org.*

**The Men’s Retreat at Tenemos**, Oct 28-30. See Hal Krieger or Thursday’s *CommUUnicator*.

**Rebuilding Together Philly Block Build**, Oct 14-15, Fri & Sat. Email *rebuildingphilly@usguu.org*

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2023.** Got ideas? Want to help a little bit?

A lot? Email *socialaction@usguu.org.*