



Unitarian Society of Germantown
Order of Service
Is Joy A Cop Out?
July 6, 2025



Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Maggie Birge-Caracappa, Worship Associate

Call To Worship

Stearns Matthews, Director of Music Ministries

Chalice Lighting

Maggie Birge-Caracappa

We light this chalice, the beacon that calls us:

To love

To justice

To a deepening of the spirit.

- Rev. Cynthia Landrum

Hymn

#108: *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Testimony

Maggie Birge-Caracappa

Offertory and Share the Plate

Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There is a Season)

Text from Book of Ecclesiastes, music by Peter Seeger

This week's plate is shared with Philly Book Bank. For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.

Prayers

Maggie Birge-Caracappa

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn

#123: *Spirit of Life*

Moment of Silence/Singing Bowl**Sermon**

Marjorie Winther

Hymn

The Times They Are A-Changin, music by Bob Dylan

Chalice Extinguishing

Maggie Birge-Caracappa

We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,
As we live into the mission of this congregation:
Building Beloved Community with
Compassion, Service and Empowerment

Sung Response

Our Worship Has Ended, Stearns Matthews
Our worship has ended, let our service begin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Recessional

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group Ministry (SGM) Drop In Meetings

After service, July 13 and/or August 10

Give SGM a try with drop in meetings. Both sessions will be led by long time SGM facilitator Jenn Leiby. It is a great chance to get to know other people at USG while listening deeply, reflecting and sharing on a theme. For more information, visit the SGM page or email sgm@usguu.org.

Ending Racism Committee Lunch

After service, July 13

Gather and learn more about ERC at our potluck lunch. All are welcome!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer at USG

Summer is a different time for most people. Life slows, routines change, and travel and obligations may break up the weeks.

Certainly summer is different at USG. Our mostly lay-led services bring fresh perspectives and wisdom from the pews, and every Sunday is a bit different. Whether you find comfort in familiar faces or want to add new ones to your life, each season at USG presents a wonderful community of fellowship. Come this summer to deepen your connection to USG.

Summer Office Hours

Weekdays 9:00am-12:00pm

Rev. Hannah will be on study leave and vacation from July 21st-August 19th. Please contact the Caring Team at caring@usguu.org for any pastoral concerns. Administrative questions can be directed to admin@usguu.org.