



Sierra
Foothills
Unitarian
Universalists

Oct. 1, 2023

Please note that the order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Spirit
▲ This means you are invited to stand in spirit or body.

Prelude Patricia Leftridge

Greetings + Announcements Rev. Alex

Welcome Sam Florence

Land Acknowledgement of the Nisenan People Becca Warner

*We acknowledge the Nisenan
People are still here among us today, though nearly invisible and
their story continues to be excluded from history.
We understand that we are on Nisenan land that was never
ceded and the original Tribal families have yet to recover from
the genocide of their people. As residents or visitors in
Nisenan land, we stand beside the Nisenan people and their right to
sovereignty, self-governance and self determination through the
stabilization of their people, homelands, and Culture.*

Chalice Lighting “A True Story” by Li Kynvi Emma Warner

*This chalice is for the living, the changing, the becoming.
This chalice is for losing the script of your life, the chapters about who you are
in other people's stories. This chalice is for the lost GPS
that was supposed to show you how to get where they expected you to go.
This chalice is for skipping the directions, coloring outside the lines,
painting—not by number— but by silence, by wild abandon,
with a brush you made yourself from light deep inside.
Startling. Vivid. A new voice that already knows you. Finally, a true story.*

Musical Offering “With a Little Help From My Friends” Sam Florence
by the Beatles

Story for All Ages **Heroes, Myths, Stories, & Being Wyrđ** KP Hollon Miller

▲ **Opening Hymn** “Meditation on Breathing” Patricia Leftridge
STJ (gray) #1009

Joys+Sorrows+Gratitudes Rev. Alex

Pastoral Music “On Children” Sweet Honey on the Rock

Coming of Age: Sam Florence

Mentor Spiritual Invocation Jeff Chamberlain (Zoom)

Youth Slideshow Sam Florence

Youth Statement of Religious Identity Sam Florence

Mentor Spiritual Invocation Coming of Age: Becca Warner Anne White

Youth Slideshow Becca Warner

Youth Statement of Religious Identity Becca Warner

Mentor Spiritual Invocation Coming of Age: Emma Warner Linda Mercurio

Youth Slideshow Emma Warner

Youth Statement of Religious Identity Emma Warner

Offering Rev. Alex

Offertory **“What a Wonderful World”** Becca Warner
by Louis Armstrong

Congregational Call+Response **“Religion”** Congregation
STLT (gray) #466

Reading & Presentation KP Hollon Miller

*You were born with potential. You were born with goodness and trust.
You were born with ideals and dreams. You were born with greatness.
You were born with wings. You are not meant for crawling, so don't.
You have wings. Learn to use them and fly.
~Rumi*

▲ Closing Hymn **“One More Step”** Patricia Leftridge + John McCall
STLT (gray) #168

▲ Benediction Rev. Alex

*May you leave this time together changed.
May the promises you have made to yourself
about who you want to be,
feel closer to the reality of who you are right now.
May you share that feeling of transformation wherever you go.
May it spread into every word, deed, thought, and interaction
until we are changed, transformed and
transforming together, becoming our best selves.*

Chalice Extinguish

*As we go forth, may we carry the flame of Love,
and Peace with Justice, until we meet again,
Blessed Be*