

**Order of Worship**  
**Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria**  
**Reverend Jennifer Innis, Minister**  
**November 8, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**      “Circle Round for Freedom”      by Linda Hirschorn

**Opening Words**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Sacred Story**      *Of Thee I Sing*      by Former President Barack Obama

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation**      “Even This Is Enough”      by Reverend Vanessa Southern

**Musical Interlude**

**Sermon**      *Resistance and Resilience*      Reverend Jennifer Innis

**Closing Hymn**      “There Is More Love”      African American Hymn

**Sending Our Light into the World**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Many thanks to our voices: Terry and Tom Malone and Patrick and Nate Price.

Thank you to Rosa Chang for the lovely music. Thank you to Austin Locke and Linda Fairbanks for technical support. Thank you to Sue Swanson for the pulpit decoration.

We have several sources for our music today. The arrangement of our first hymn, “Circle Round for Freedom”, is by Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout. He is the Director of Worship and Music with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Rideout’s work on this hymn is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

“I Am Willing” by Holly Near is sung as part of Reverend Jennifer’s reflection.

Our closing hymn is the African American hymn, “There Is More Love Somewhere.” This hymn includes Unitarian Universalist voices from all over Illinois as part of our Democracy Revival service on October 25.

## Lyrics

“Circle Round for Freedom”

Linda Hirschorn

Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,  
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,  
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,  
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

“I Am Willing”

Holly Near

Chorus

I am open and I am willing  
To be hopeless would seem so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family  
There is sorrow in my town  
There is panic in the nation  
There is wailing the whole world round

Chorus

May the children see more clearly  
May the elders be more wise  
May the winds of change caress us  
Even though it burns our eyes

Chorus

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion  
Give me a desert to hold my fears  
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder  
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

Chorus

“There Is More Love Somewhere”

African American Hymn

There is more love somewhere.  
There is more love somewhere.  
I’m gonna keep on ‘til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere...

There is more peace somewhere..

There is more joy somewhere...