

**Order of Worship**  
**Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria**  
**Reverend Jennifer Innis, Minister**  
**November 15, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**      “Lean on Me”      by Bill Withers

**Opening Words**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Sacred Story**      *The Cure*      by Reverend Chris Buice

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation**      by Reverend Dan Schatz

**Hymn**      “Listening”      by Lea Morris

**Sermon**      *How the Light Gets In*      Reverend Jennifer Innis

**Closing Hymn**      “Wake, Now, My Senses”      by Reverend Thomas Mikelson

**Sending Our Light into the World**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Many thanks to our voices: Martha Diebold, the Fischer family, and Nora Sullivan  
Thank you to Rosa Chang for the lovely music. Thank you to Austin Locke for technical support.  
We have several sources for our music today. Our first hymn, “Lean on Me,” is performed by the  
Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our special  
music is “Listening” by Lea Morris. Her music is available to us through our subscription to Soul  
Matters and their resources for monthly themes.  
Our closing hymn is “Wake, Now, My Senses” by the late Unitarian Universalist minister,  
Reverend Thomas Mikelson. Thank you to Community Church of New York, Unitarian  
Universalist for this production.

## Lyrics

“Lean on Me”

By Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain  
We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride  
If I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs  
That you won't let show

Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear  
That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call on me

Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother, when you need  
a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem that you'll

“Lean on Me”, con't.

understand  
We all need somebody to lean on.

“Listening”

By Lea Morris

Soprano:  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me  
Open.

Open.  
Open.  
See what I may be.  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me.

Alto:  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me  
My hands are wide open.  
My eyes are wide open to see what I may  
be.

I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me

Tenor:  
In this moment of silence,  
I can hear the voices of all my kin  
Clicking, tweeting, singing, howling in to  
the me.  
Oh the joy, oh the love  
That's here for you and me.

In this moment of silence  
I hear.

Bass:  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me.  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me.  
Open.  
Open.  
See what I may be.  
I'm listening  
I'm listening  
Spirit speak to me

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;  
brighten my pathway with radiance here;  
mingle my calling with all who will share;  
work toward a planet transformed by our  
care.

“Wake, Now, My Senses”  
By Thomas Mikelson

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth  
call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow,  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the  
new;  
join with each pilgrim who quests for the  
true;  
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;  
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the  
cry;  
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;  
take as your neighbor both stranger and  
friend,  
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy  
guide;  
join with all people whose rights are denied;  
take not for granted a privileged place;  
God's love embraces the whole human race.