

“The World’s on Fire (and We Still Fall in Love)”
Order of Worship
Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria
Reverend Erin J. Walter, Guest Minister
November 22, 2020

Prelude	“Wake Me Up”	by Parker Woodland
Welcome		
Opening Hymn	“Shine on Me”	by Melanie DeMore
Opening Words		
Chalice Lighting		
Sacred Story	<i>Giraffes Can’t Dance</i>	by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
Joys and Sorrows		
Meditation	<i>In the Midst of a World</i>	by Reverend Rebecca Parker
Musical Interlude	“The World’s on Fire (and We Still Fall in Love)”	by Parker Woodland
Sermon	<i>The World’s on Fire (and We Still Fall in Love)</i>	Reverend Erin J. Walter
Closing Hymn	“How Can I Keep From Singing”	by Robert Wadsworth Lowry

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude

Many thanks to our voices: Amy Popp, CRE, Char Rickey, and Kathy Klister. Thank you to Rosa Chang for the meditation and postlude. Thank you to Austin Locke for technical support.

We are fortunate to have a guest minister who also brings the gift of music. The Reverend Erin J. Walter is a minister, activist, and musician based in Austin, Texas. Erin serves as a board member for the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry and the Affiliated Community Minister of Wildflower (Unitarian Universalist) Church. She won the 2017 Sermon Award from the UU Women’s Federation, and in this service, you will hear music from Rev. Erin’s band Parker Woodland.

For our additional music we have one hymn from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Artist Melanie DeMore invites us to sing with her in, “Shine on Me.” Our closing hymn is “How Can I Keep from Singing?” thanks to the beautiful work of over 150 musicians in New York City.

“Wake Me Up”
Parker Woodland

There's a feeling I can't describe
What it is to be alive
And no matter how I try
It escapes me
Heart set afire
Glowing crackling wild
Stops me in my tracks
Yeah it wakes me

Ooh lift me up
I'm done being down
Ooh wake me up
It's good to be found

I took a moment just for me
And hell it felt like eternity
The grass had never looked so good
On both sides of the street

All the facts were still the same
But just a whole lot less like shame -
And I fell in love with the rough spots on my face and feet

Ooh rise and shine
We only get today to be alive
this life is mine
But I'll share it with you.

So sit down for, a while
What's the point of running from things we've already left behind
Ooh don't hide
I promise I'll look forward if I can feel you there by my side

I love this feeling I can't describe
What it means to be alive
And no matter how I try
It escapes me
My heart's been set on fire
Glowing crackling wild and still
It stops me in my tracks sometimes - it shakes me

Ooh lift me up
I'm done being down
Ooh wake me up
It's good to be found

Ooh rise and shine
We only get today to be alive
Yeah, this life is mine
And I live it with you.

Ooh ooh ooh

“Shine on Me”

Arranged and sung by Melanie DeMore

Note: Several phrases repeat during the song

Shine on me

Oh, shine on me

Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me

Lift me up

Oh, lift me up

Let the light from the lighthouse lift me up

Oh hold me close

Yes, hold me close

Let the light from the lighthouse hold me close

Oh, shine on me

Yes, shine on me

Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me

“The World’s On Fire (and We Still Fall in Love)”

Lyrics and vocals by Erin Walter

It’s a hard time to look for hope when the
Truth can feel like a joke or worse
they tell you it’s your fault if you trust
But if there’s one know it’s this
Opposites do coexist
And the last thing they’ll ever kill is love

The world's on fire and we still fall in love
The world's on fire and we still fall in love
The world's on fire and we’re not giving up
No, no

I could let you go
Say it’s not worth it, oh
I could give up before we know
Cuz what’s the use in having hope
Then even though
Everything’s wrong and it shows
I still look at you and I know
One thing could be perfect

The world's on fire and we still fall in love
The world's on fire and we still fall in love
The world's on fire and we’re not giving up
No, no
X2

I don’t want to be naive but I
Catch myself wanting to believe and I
Think I could take a risk this time
It’s a hard time to look for hope when the
Truth can feel like a joke or worse
they tell you it’s your fault if you try

The world is on fire and we still fall in love
The world is on fire and we still fall in love
The world is on fire and we still fall in love
The world is on fire and we still fall in love, Hey!

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Wadsworth Lowry

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!