

**“Waiting for Enlightenment”  
Order of Worship  
Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria  
Reverend Jennifer Innis  
December 6, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**      “Morning Has Come”      by Reverend Jason Shelton

**Opening Words**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Sacred Story**      *Under the Bodhi Tree:*      by Deborah Hopkinson  
   *A Story of the Buddha*      and Kailey Whitman

**Musical Interlude**      “Just As Long As I Have Breath”      by Alicia S. Carpenter

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation**      “Breath Meditation”      by Reverend Sam Trumbore

**Hymn**      “Filled with Loving Kindness”      Traditional Buddhist Meditation  
   Adapted by Mark W. Hayes

**Sermon**      *Waiting for Enlightenment*      Reverend Jennifer Innis

**Closing Hymn**      “There Is A Love”      by Elizabeth Norton and  
   Reverend Rebecca Parker

**Sending Our Light into the World**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Many thanks to our voices: Jean and Adam Sloan and Katie, Lili, and Ella Jones. Thank you to Rosa Chang for the music. Thank you to Austin Locke for technical support.

Our hymns come from several Unitarian Universalist sources. Our opening hymn, “Morning Has Come” is by Unitarian Universalist minister Reverend Jason Shelton. Our middle hymn, “Filled with Loving Kindness”, is an adaptation of a traditional Buddhist chant. Our closing hymn is “There Is A Love” by Unitarian Universalist musician Elizabeth Norton and by Reverend Rebecca Parker. Thank you to Paul Thompson and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse in Moscow, Idaho for our hymns. Thank you to Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist for our interlude, “Just As Long As I Have Breath.”

## Lyrics for Today

### “Morning Has Come”

Jason Shelton

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each  
face.

May it bring faith to guide our journey  
home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is  
giv'n.  
Wonder fills this moment shared together.  
The light of peace here shines upon each  
face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey  
home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it among us.  
The light of love here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey  
home.

### “Just As Long As I Have Breath”

Alicia S. Carpenter

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer,  
“Yes,” to life;  
though with pain I made my way, still with  
hope I meet each day.  
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said,  
“Yes,” to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer,  
“Yes,” to truth;  
in my dream and in my dark, always that  
elusive spark.  
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said,  
“Yes,” to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must  
answer, “Yes,” to love;  
disappointment pierced me through, still I  
kept on loving you.  
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said,  
“Yes,” to love.

### “Filled with Loving Kindness”

Traditional Buddhist Meditation  
Adapted by Mark W. Hayes

May I be filled with loving kindness.  
May I be well.  
May I be filled with loving kindness.  
May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease.  
May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness.  
May you be well.  
May you be filled with loving kindness.  
May you be well.  
May you be peaceful and at ease.  
May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness.  
May we be well.  
May we be filled with loving kindness.  
May we be well.  
May we be peaceful and at ease.  
May we be whole.

### “There Is A Love”

Elizabeth Norton and Rebecca Parker

There is a love holding me / us.  
There is a love holding all that I / we love.  
There is a love holding all.  
I / We rest in this love.