

**“Our Year Apart - Together”
Order of Worship
Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria
Reverend Jennifer Innis
March 14, 2021**

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

Reflection, Part 1 “In the Beginning” Reverend Jennifer Innis

Sacred Story *Global Corona Virus Poem* from Save the Children

Anthem “Carry the Flame” by Reverend Dan Schatz

Reflection, Part 2 “Losses and Sorrows” Reverend Jennifer Innis

Video “Commemoration” compiled by Reverend Heather
Janules

Anthem “Art Thou Troubled?” by George Frideric Handel

Prayer

Reflection, Part 3 “Emergence” Reverend Jennifer Innis

Closing Hymn “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude

Many thanks to our voices, including Jeanette Gruber and Kelli Landon. Thank you to Rosa Chang for the music. Thank you to Austin Locke for technical support. Thank you also to everyone who shared thoughts and memories with Reverend Jennifer as we mark the anniversary of this global pandemic.

Our hymns, music, and special videos come from many sources. Jess Huetteman produced for “Dona Nobis Pacem.” “Global Corona Virus Poem Written by Children” is from Save the Children. Reverend Dan Schatz created “Carry the Flame.” “Commemoration” was compiled by Reverend Heather Janules. “Art Thou Troubled?” comes to us from the Unitarian Universalist Association. “Spirit of Life” is from All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C.

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For additional resources, go to:

The COVID Memorial Project at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, LA
<https://unitarianbr.org/covid-memorial-project/>

Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry
<https://www.uutrm.org/covid/>

Online COVID Memorial
<https://covidmemorial.online/submit>

Save the Children
<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/media-and-news/2020-press-releases/childrens-poems-capture-life-during-covd-19>

From the UUA President, Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray: You Are Held in Care
<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/held-care>

Lyrics

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Dona nobis pacem (repeat)

“Carry the Flame”

Dan Schatz

In the toughest time you ever knew
The only thing that you could do was
Carry the flame
Sickness spreading through the land
You held your spirit in your hands, and
Carried the flame
When storms and sorrows gathered round
You raised your head and stayed your
ground, you
Carried the flame
Through endless days of the hardest living,
You kept on loving, kept on giving, you kept
on, and
Carried the flame

Chorus:

Carry the flame, raise it high
Send its beacon through the sky
Keep it strong and shining through the pain
Let it rise and let it grow
Let it light the world you know
Let it glow
Carry the flame

And when the day is done at last
We take on the spark you’ve passed, and
Carry the flame
From hand to hand we send it on
The kindling hope of rising dawn, in us all,
we
Carry the flame

Chorus

“Carry the Flame”, cont.

We are nurses, doctors, teachers,
We are children, parents, preachers, and we
all
Carry the flame
We are scientists and cargo packers,
Farmers, singers, grocery stackers, young
and old
Carry the flame

“Art Thou Troubled?”

Georg Frideric Handel

Art thou troubled?
Music will calm thee,
Art thou weary?
Rest shall be thine.
Music, source of all gladness,
Heals thy sadness at her shrine,
Music ever divine,
Music calleth with voice divine.
When the welcome spring is smiling,
All the earth with flowers beguiling,
After winter's dreary rain,
Sweetest music doth attend her,
Heavenly harmonies doth lend her,
Chanting praises in her train.
Art thou troubled?
Music will calm thee,
Art thou weary?
Rest shall be thine.
Music, source of all gladness,
Heals thy sadness at her shrine,
Music ever divine,
Music calleth with voice divine.

“Spirit of Life”

Carolyn McDade

Lyrics in Spanish and English

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of
compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of
justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free:
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.