



## **“What Should We Do With Our Bounty?”**

a joint Northshore Unitarian Universalist Service of Thanksgiving

*Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:15am*

Location: Zoom – <https://bit.ly/UUNorthShoreThanksgiving>

### Participating Congregations

*First Church in Salem, Unitarian Universalist*

*First Religious Society of Newburyport*

*First Universalist Church of Essex*

*Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, Danvers*

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead*

# Order of Service

Doors open (Zoom meeting space becomes available) at 10am

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## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Carol Strecker, *Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church*

## Ringling of the Bell

*First Religious Society of Newburyport*

## Call to Worship

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead*

## Chalice Lighting

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

## Opening Hymn #128, For All That Is Our Life

*First Church in Salem*

**Wisdom Story** The Whole World Inside Nan's Soup, by Hunter Liguore (author)  
and Vikki Zhang (illustrator)

David Livingstone, Ministerial Intern, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

## Invitation to Offering – Indigenous Peoples Day Massachusetts

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

**Offertory** “We Gather Together,” 17th Century Dutch Melody, arr. Clif Hardin  
Judy Putnam, *Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church*

## Prayer

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

**Musical Meditation** “Simple Gifts,” Traditional Shaker Song, arr. Aaron Copland and Irving Fine Choir

*Joint Northshore Unitarian Universalist Choir*

David Collins, *piano*; Kenneth Griffith, *conductor*

**Antiphonal Reading** “A Harvest of Gratitude” by Percival Chubb, #656 in Singing the Living Tradition

Rev. Carol Strecker, *Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church*

Rev. Elizabeth Ide, *First Church in Salem*

“Once more the fields have ripened to harvest, and the fruitful earth has fulfilled the promise of spring.

*The work of those who labor has been rewarded: They have sown and reaped, planted and gathered.*

How rich and beautiful is the bounty gathered: The golden grain and clustered corn, the grapes of purple and green,

*The crimson apples and yellow pears, and all the colors of orchard and garden, vineyard and field.*

Season follows after season, after winter the spring, after summer the harvest-laden autumn.

*From bud to blossom, from flower to fruit, from seed to bud again, the beauty of earth unfolds.*

From the harvest of the soil we are given occasion to garner a harvest of the heart and mind:

*A harvest of resolve to be careful stewards of all life’s gifts and opportunities.*

A harvest of reverence for the wondrous power and life at work in things that grow, and in the soul.

*A harvest of gratitude for every good which we enjoy, and of fellowship for all who are sustained by earth’s beauty.”*

**Reflection** “Pandemic Plentitude”

Rev. Eva Cameron, *First Universalist Church of Essex*

**Musical Interlude** “Navajo Vocab No. 1,” by Connor Chee  
David Collins, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

**Reflection** “When More Is Not Enough”  
Rev. Rebecca Bryan, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

**Musical Interlude** “At This Table,” by Idina Menzel  
All Play Band, *First Universalist Church of Essex*

**Unison Affirmation**  
Rev. Elizabeth Ide, *First Church in Salem*

For the doctrine of reconciling love, entrusted to us by our ancestors;  
For the sacramental search for truth, to liberate both mind and spirit;  
For the blessing of the call to serve, caring for one another, healing what is broken,  
and helping what can be helped;  
We give thanks, this day, as one body.  
Though we may be separated by distance, love unites us.  
Though we may be bound by our failings, truth frees us.  
Though we may be afraid of the world’s great pain, service demands that we act.  
May the ways of the Holy be revealed to us, and may we explore them, together.

**Closing Hymn** #67, We Sing Now Together  
*Joint Northshore Unitarian Universalist Choir*  
David Collins, *piano*; Kenneth Griffith, *conductor*

**Benediction**  
Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead*

*Appreciation and gratitude to the many people from all of the congregations who  
helped create and lead this service, especially our musicians and tech support.*