

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland

*A progressive religious community welcoming all*



**May 31, 2020**

**“Mending the Brokenness”**

**Led by Eric Severson, Minister  
Ellen Dodge Severson and Sara Clavez**

Shannon Sonoras,  
Sarah Nuss-Warren, Susan Mayer,  
Heather Cleland-Host, and Wendy Altmeier

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## Order of Service May 31, 2020

### Welcome & Announcements

Shannon Sonoras, Worship Associate

### Chalice Lighting “Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times” by Lisa Doege

“Why a flaming chalice?” the question comes.  
It’s the cup of life, we answer.  
A cup of blessings overflowing.  
A cup of water to quench our spirits’ thirst.  
A cup of wine for celebration and dedication.  
The flame of truth.  
The fire of purification.  
Oil for anointing, healing.  
Out of chaos, fear, and horror,  
thus was the symbol crafted, a generation ago.  
So may it be for us,  
in these days of uncertainty, sorrow, and rage.  
And a light to warm our souls and guide us home.

### Opening Words “[The Bright Thread of Hope](#)” by Gretchen Haley

### Opening Hymn #22 “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design”

Sarah Nuss-Warren, accompanist and vocalist

### Story for All Ages “Extra Yarn,” by Mac Barnett; ill. by Jon Klassen Read by Shannon Sonoras

### Joys and Sorrows *(Please “raise your hand” in Zoom to share a brief joy or sorrow)*

### Meditation by Nancy Schaffer and by Amy Petrie Shaw (each adapted)

### Reading “[Choose to Bless the World](#)” by Rebecca Parker

### Interlude “Gavotte” by J. S. Bach

### Reflections Ellen Dodge Severson

Sara Clavez

“Mending the Brokenness”

Eric Severson, Minister

### Offering *To donate online, [click here](#)*

### Offertory “Country Gardens,” English Folk Song

### Closing Hymn #212 “We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle”

**Chalice Extinguishing/Closing Words** by Tim Haley

We walk this earth but a brief moment in time.

Amid our suffering and pain, however great or small, let us continue to learn how to celebrate life. Let us continue to grow in our capacity to love ourselves and each other. And let us continue to move toward the goal of a just world community.

Go this day in a renewed spirit of peace and hope and with the wisdom to greet the new week.

**Virtual Coffee Hour**

*“What do you enjoy doing or making that could help mend the world’s brokenness?”*

You will be randomly assigned to breakout rooms for small group conversations. If your breakout room is empty, please return to the main room and you will be re-assigned as needed. Breakout rooms close at 12:15pm. Five minutes before the rooms are closed, you will receive a chat message reminder.

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland – Fellowship Staff**

Eric Severson, Minister

Heather Cleland Host, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Sandy Hay, Sexton

Andrew Schulz, Music Director

Melanie Willison, Accompanist

Wendy Altmeier, Office Administrator

Jan Shea, Nursery Caregiver