

Here are some orders of service from recent Sunday worship at USG.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*This was the first service of the New Year.*

**PRELUDE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**CANDLES OF SILENT JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING** *It's a Wonderful World*

Louis Armstrong

**INTRODUCTION TO A NEW ORLEANS JAZZ FUNERAL** Rev. Kent Matthies

**OPENING HYMN #162** *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

**WAKE FOR THE OLD YEAR**

**INTERLUDE** *Just a Little While to Stay Here*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION ON THE YEAR JUST PAST**

**BURYING THE PAST/DIRGE FOR THE OLD YEAR**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**FUNERAL HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**HOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**OFFERTORY**

**MUSIC FOR HOPEFUL CONTEMPLATION** *Over in the Glory Land*

**JOYFUL SEND-OFF AND SECOND LINE AROUND THE CHURCH**

**MUSIC** *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*

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*Howard Thurman was an author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader and the grandson of a slave. His work greatly influenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and the civil rights movement.*

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in G Minor* J.S. Bach

### OPENING WORDS/CHALICE LIGHTING

*Life is Alive* Howard Thurman

### CANDLES OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**HYMN** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**CHILD DEDICATION** Alexander Bernstein

**RESPONSIVE READING** *Your Children* Kahlil Gibran

### LIFE OF HOWARD THURMAN

**INTERLUDE** *The Storm is Passing Over*

**PRAYER** *We lay bare all that we are*

Howard Thurman

**HYMN** *Spirit of Life*

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

**READING** *As long as we hold a dream in the heart*

Howard Thurman

**OFFERTORY** *Hymn to Freedom* Oscar Peterson

**SERMON** *Howard Thurman: A Meditative Life*

Rev. Kent Matthies

**HYMN** *Find a Stillness*

**CLOSING WORDS** *Circles of Love* Mohandas Gandhi

**POSTLUDE** *The Gospel Train* H. Burleigh

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*This was a Thanksgiving service.*

*James Luther Adams was a Unitarian minister and theologian. He believed in "an examined faith" -- a faith subject to self-criticism and growth—and in a faith that "takes time seriously" -- a faith that seeks to embody its ethical commitments in history.*

*Jake Michael is a member of our congregation*

### SILENT JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PRELUDE** *The answer is yes (psalm 23)*  
Jake Michael

### CHALICE LIGHTING/OPENING WORDS

*A harvest of Gratitude* Percival Chubb

**HYMN** *We sing now together*

### PASS THE PEACE

**LIFE OF JAMES LUTHER ADAMS** Rev Kent Matthies

**INTERLUDE** *The Mermaid and the Genie*  
Jake Michael

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**HYMN** *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come un-to 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

**STORY FOR ALL AGES** *Thanks Sleeping*

**RESPONSIVE READING** *We give thanks this day* O. Eugene Pickett

### GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

**READING** *I Call that church free*  
James Luther Adams

**OFFERTORY** *America Linda/America the Beautiful*  
Jake Michael/Bates& Ward

**SERMON** *Ask not what your church can do for you*

Rev Kent Matthies

### BREAD COMMUNION

**RESPONSIVE READING** *The Bread We Share* Rudolph Nemser

**CLOSING HYMN** *For all that is our life*

**POSTLUDE** *Pie Crust* Jake Michael

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*This was one of our semi-annual musical services. Lux Aeterna had its world premiere on April 13, 1997. Its texts are drawn from sacred Latin sources, each containing references to Light.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Contre qui, Rose</i>	Morten Lauridsen
<b>CANDLES OF SILENT JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>		
<b>CHALICE LIGHTING</b>	<i>ashre1 hagafrur</i>	Lawrence Avery
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>o Magnum Mysterium</i>	Morten Lauridsen
<b>READING</b>	<i>An Act of Faith</i>	Barbara Jordan
<b>MUSIC</b>	<i>Lux Aeterna</i>	Morten Lauridsen
	<i>Introitus</i>	
	<i>In Te, domine, Speravi</i>	
	<i>O Nata Lux</i>	
	<i>Veni, Sancte Spiritus</i>	
	<i>Agnus Dei – Lux Aeterna</i>	
<b>HYMN</b>	<i>When in our Music</i>	
<b>CLOSING WORDS</b>	<i>Everyone Sang</i>	Seigfried Sasson
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Gabriel's Oboe</i>	Ennio Morricone