

## General Assembly Sunday Order of Service *Beyond the Water's Edge*

[pre-recorded] The **worship team** for this service:

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, minister of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT,  
the Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack, community minister for worship and spiritual care for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, otherwise known as BLUU.

And Mr. Benjie Messer, music director for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona. Thank you to these leaders, the choir, musicians, tech support, and all those who make today's worship possible.

**\*Some elements were edited for sake of time.**

### ***Beyond the Water's Edge***

*These are uncertain and volatile times that call on us to work towards our collective liberation while tending to our spiritual needs & caring for others.*

*How do we ready ourselves for what is being asked of us?*

*How do we keep moving even when we don't feel ready?*

### **Questions to Consider**

**What is Unitarian Universalism?**

(Rev. Mykal Slack)

*[What is your short answer?]*

Our charge, especially in this moment, I believe is two-fold.

One, to know where we are as individuals and as communities.

And two, to trust people when they know what they need here.

If we can root down into where we are, we may know better how to grow

-what growing together may look like, sound like, and ultimately may mean.

**Offering- Tomaquag Museum** -Rhode Island's only Indigenous-led museum.

Provides education for toddlers to elders, including tours, lectures, art workshops, cultural programs, events, and now more virtual programming.

[tomaquagmuseum.org](http://tomaquagmuseum.org)

We're all part of an unfolding personal and communal human story, whose ending has not yet been determined. My job as a preacher is to plumb the wisdom of our religious traditions, including its sources, to help guide those stories in the direction of wholeness, peace, liberation, and life. The sermon brings the wisdom of our source traditions to bear on the challenges of human existence, which may relate to the personal lives of individuals, to a particular community, or to humanity as a whole.

Each of us participates in life at all these levels.

(Lauren Smith)

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Gathering & Music

**Honoring the Land and Welcome**

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray  
President of the U.U.A.

**Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting**

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval and Rev. Mykal Slack

**\*Edited for time** Opening Song “*We Are...*” by Ysaÿe Barnwell

Soloist: Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell      GA Virtual Choir directed by Benjie Messer

**A Message for Us All**

Rev. Mykal Slack

\*Offering for Tomaquag Museum -Testimonial from Lorén Spears, Exec. Dir. of the Tomaquag Museum

Flute music by Ridge E. Spears

Meditation and Prayer

Rev. Mykal Slack

\*Responsive Music      “*Deep River*”      trad. African-American spiritual

Performed by Philip Rogers (vocalist), Nivek Anderson (cello)

**Reading**

Adapted selection from *Three Dreams in a Desert*      by Olive Schreiner

Read by Clyde Grubbs, Aja Davis, Yuri Yamamoto

**Anthem**

“*Tomorrow*” by Kate & Justin Miner

GA Virtual Choir

**Sermon**

*Beyond the Water's Edge*

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Closing Song**

“*Keep On Moving Forward*” by Pat Humphries

Performed by Emma's Revolution with Melanie deMore

Benediction

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

## **July 12, 2020      FUUSM Announcements**

Fall Congregational Meeting set for Sun. Sept. 27, 2020 to address the proposed budget.

**Community**

D.A.P.L. halted, environmental impact study must be done.

Proposal to Dept of Army for barge offloading of well waste open for public comment Aug. 7.