

IMAGINING A MULTIRACIAL DEMOCRACY

Nicole Pressley, UUA & the UUtheVote Team at TUCW

August 29, 2021, 10 am

PRELUDE Chant: "Change is Coming, What do we need to imagine?" Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

WELCOME Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING/OPENING WORDS

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

CANDLE LIGHTING Share a brief personal joy or sorrow.

Sunny Khadjavi, our Pastoral Care Chaplain, will be present at the candle boat after the service.

POEM "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes Intro/Narration by Arnela Ten Meer

Reading by the choir: Sari Bodi, Jamie Forbes, Cathy Paine, Trina Wong
Congregation may join in (see words below).

MUSIC "Imagine" by John Lennon Suzanne Sheridan, vocalist

STORY of Sacred Activism: Intro by Jamie Forbes
Video interview by Nate Pawelek of youth Lillian McKeever

SONG "Justice Choir," by Peter Mayer, sung by choir

SERMON "Imagining a Multiracial Democracy" Nicole Pressley, (UUA)
Interview by Sari Bodi

SHARE THE PLATE UUtheVote at TUCW Janet Luongo

OFFERING AND MUSIC

CLOSING CALL TO ACTION Jamie Forbes

CLOSING SONG "Freedom" by Richie Havens Suzanne Sheridan, vocalist

As our Rev. John Morehouse says, "*Now our 'service' really begins...*"

ACTION for Election 2021

UUtheVote at TUCW is writing postcards to infrequent voters in Virginia.
Please pick up packs of 10 postcards /stamps in the foyer after the service,
or contact Jamie Forbes at 203-521-3848, jforbes1@gmail.com for pick up.
For our bulletin board of ideas and actions, go to: TUCWUUtheVote@groups.io

CHORAL READING PARTICIPATION

You, the congregation, are invited to join the readers in the poem,
“Let America be America Again,” by Langston Hughes, written in 1935.

At Arnela’s signal, ALL of us may join the choir in saying:

(ALL # 1)

America never was America to me.

(ALL # 2)

It never was America to me.

(ALL # 3)

There's never been equality for me,
Nor freedom in this “homeland of the free.”

(ALL # 4 - END)

O, yes,

I say it plain

America never was America to me,

and yet I swear this oath –

America will be!