

LISTEN

with Valarie Kaur's
See No Stranger



10/17 @ 10am, LIVE! In-Person & Zoom
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Order of Worship for October 17, 2021

PRELUDE

Prelude by J. Andre

Valerie Becker, *organ*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. John Gage & The Rev. Maddie Foster

One: In the beginning God called all worlds into being. God is still speaking today, in every corner of the on-going creation, calling us deeper into life.

Many: So we listen more for understanding than for answers, to be connected to God and one another.

One: In the scriptures that are the records, recollections, and reflections of our ancestors in faith over thousands of years, full of contradictions, sin and salvation,

Many: we listen more for understanding than for answers, to be connected to God and one another.

One: In our own hearts, in the midst of our everyday triumphs and struggles, through all our confusion, our missteps, and our best efforts,

Many: we listen more for understanding than for answers, to be connected to God and one another.

One: In our neighbors, even our enemies, in our agreements and disagreements, the tensions between us, the family arguments and deadly disputes,

Many: we listen more for understanding than for answers, to be connected to God and one another.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN

Cantad al Señor (see below)

Teresa Blume, *cantor*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

from the Gospels, John 4:3-29

SERMON

Listen (Revolutionary Love, 5/9)

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be (see below)

Maggie Furtak, *cantor*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“Oh God, hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart)*

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Family of God” by Cici Hunt

Once-in-a-While Choir

Sometimes we’re running at a terrible pace
and then we’re feeling that we’re losing the race of our lives,
trying to go alone, and then we find how we need you.
Then we’re together and our center is found
and now we’re feeling all the love that surrounds us right here.
Take a look around at our family of God

We’re so glad for the love that we’ve found in you.
You are there when we’re wondering what to do,
and together we’re trying to learn how to serve you truly.
With faith and hope and each other it can be done.
With joy and laughter, in fellowship we are one.
Our lives are richer for growing together in our family of God.

How we all need to take you along throughout our day,
Together singing a song of rejoice.
Hear it in our voice. It is there in our proclamation.

Our spirits lifting, can you feel it inside?
We need each other. It’s a need we can’t hide.
Come along, join us in our song, in our family of God.

OFFERING OUR THANKS & OUR COMMITMENT

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

BLESSING & COMMISSION

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Frida H. Boyd, from her family.*

Cantad al Señor

(1.) *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo,*
1. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
2. By great ho - ly power our God has done won - ders.
3. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo,
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
By great ho - ly power our God has done won - ders.
So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo,
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
By great ho - ly power our God has done won - ders.
So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

Take My Life and Let It Be

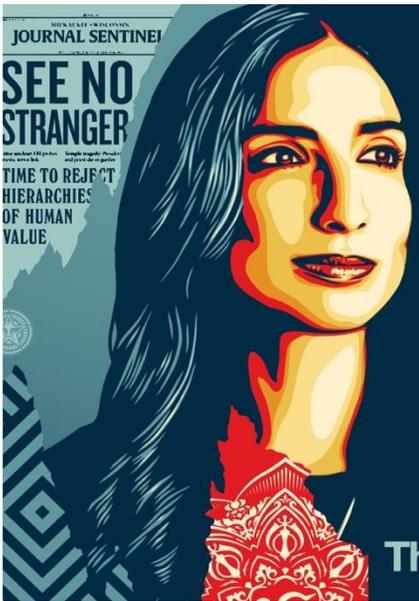
Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
 Take our love; dear Lord, we pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;—
 for my King. Take my lips and let them be____
 of thy love. Take my feet and let them be____
 trea - sure store. Take our hearts, and we will be____

let them flow in end - less praise, let them flow in end-less praise.
 filled with mes - sa - ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges fro thee.
 swift and beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Events, Fellowship and Mission

THIS SUNDAY Financial Update to the Congregation – October 17th at 11:11am – LIVE in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. Join us immediately following Worship for a look at where the church finances are as of September 30th.



JOURNAL SENTINEL
SEE NO STRANGER
TIME TO REJECT HIERARCHIES OF HUMAN VALUE

Inspired by Valerie Kaur's "See No Stranger"

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE

Practically & Purposefully Living the Love, Justice, & Peace of Jesus Right Now

IN WORSHIP, STUDY, & ACTION THIS FALL BEGINNING 9/12

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NOTE: This fall, we are spending nine Sundays putting Valerie Kaur's book, *See No Stranger: A Memoir & Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, in conversation with the Gospel of Jesus. Kaur is a civil rights activist, filmmaker, and Sikh faith leader, a visionary calling diverse allies to transform the world in "revolutionary love" expressed in nine compass points: *wonder, grieve, fight; rage, listen, reimagine; breathe, push, transition*. She asks, "What if the darkness of our world just now is the darkness, not of the tomb, but the womb?" **We're forming a book group to engage this work together. Please let Rev. John know if you'd like to be involved: revjohn@needhamucc.org.**



Ride for Food/Off the Beaten Path - For the 6th consecutive year the Church is sponsoring Ride for Food team.

To Donate - Visit our team page on the Three Squares web site:

<https://ride.threesquaresne.org/team/371634> . Click on "Donate" on the left side and follow the instructions from there.

For more information, visit the web site of Three Squares New England, organizers of the Ride for Food: <https://www.threesquaresne.org/ride-for-food/>. Or contact either of the co-captains: Lynn Gotwals (lynn.gotwals@gmail.com) or Mike Normile (mnormile@comcast.net)



Trunk-Or-Treat Volunteers Needed! We're excited for our third annual Trunk-Or-Treat! Bring your cars and decorate the trunks or volunteers for other assorted tasks during the event - use the link below to see available roles and sign up. Thank you for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EAFAD2CAFF2-needham1>

Enjoy singing? Think about singing with the choir for a Sunday or a season. We are exercising our voices and practicing hymns and anthems with Valerie Becker at rehearsals on the first and third Thursday of the month (7:30-9) and before church at 8:45. You don't need a long term commitment to join us for two upcoming events. On Thanksgiving Sunday we hope to have an especially full, joyful anthem and a Christmas concert of favorite carols and Christmas music is planned for Dec. 5. Concert rehearsals are Sunday afternoons Oct. 31, Nov 7, 21 & 28 1:00-2:30 with a dress rehearsal on Dec. 2, 7:00 PM. Contact Valerie Becker at musicdirector@needhamucc.org with any questions.

Brighten Someone's Day with a Flower Delivery! Each Sunday the plant on the Altar during Worship is delivered to a member of our church family. We are looking for individuals to deliver to a local church family home. **Sign up online at** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e48a9ab2fa2fa7-flower2> or email the office at office@needhamucc.org

