

Labor Day Our National Shadow

September 6th 2026

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

CHALICE LIGHTING: Sarah Moores Campbell

OPENING WORDS: Psychological Politics

OPENING HYMN: #95 More Love Somewhere

STORY FOR ALL AGES: Something on Your Face

PARTING SONG/ SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace, Let the Spirit of Love Surround you, Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine: thus do we covenant with each other and with God.

CENTERING HYMN: #128 For All That Is Our Life

PRAYER: The Prince of Darkness is a Gentleman

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN:

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:

READING: Sam Keen “To Create an Enemy”

READING: Sufi Master in search of keys

SERMON: Understanding our National Shadow

OFFERTORY WORDS: Do you pray before a meal?

CHORAL RESPONSE/MUSICAL OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY*

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of love and faith arise
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame / but not the light of truth
the warmth of community / or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts / until we are together again.

CLOSING HYMN: #121 We’ll Build a Land

*(the hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*Please join us for refreshments downstairs immediately after the service



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Unitarian Universalists have many ways of articulating our seven [Principles](#) in simpler language. Here's the way our [Tapestry of Faith](#) children's programs describe them:

[1st Principle](#): We believe that each and every person is important.

[2nd Principle](#): We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

[3rd Principle](#): We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

[4th Principle](#): We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

[5th Principle](#): We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.

[6th Principle](#): We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

[7th Principle](#): We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.

The First Parish Church *The Unitarian Universalist Church*

Labor Day Sept 6th, 2026 **Understanding our** **National Shadow**

When did "United Nations" become "unilateral military action?"
When did "Defense of Freedom" become "preemptive strike?"
When did "innocent women and children" become "collateral damage?"
When did "Geneva Convention" become "secret prison?"
When did "Civil Liberties" become "illegal surveillance?"

