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## *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
And don't live out a faith that dares,  
And don't take on the ways of death,  
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be  
And do not build community,  
And do not seek to change our ways,  
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good  
And don't move through our neighborhood  
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —  
That works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

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## FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

January Theme: Living with Intention  
January 23, 2022 – *Limited Liberty*

Gathering Music		Austin Ferguson
Welcome		Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer
Chalice Lighting		
Music	<i>We Are</i>	GA Choir and Ysaye Barnwell
Time for All Ages		Amy Nelson
Music		
Reflection		Greg Wimmer
Music		
Embracing Meditation		Melissa Egger
Prayer		
Music	<i>Thoughts and Prayers</i>	
Reading	Excerpts from <i>The World Where it is</i> by Beth Spencer	
Music		
Sermon	<i>Limited Liberty</i>	Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer
Music		
Benediction		
Postlude		

\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

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**THIS MORNING'S PARTICIPANTS...**

**Limited Liberty**

**Preaching:**  
Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer

**Service Participants:**  
Melissa Egglar  
Amy Nelson  
Greg Wimmer

**Musicians:**  
Austin Ferguson

**Offertory:**  
**Monthly Justice Partners**

We are building on our justice partner relationships with a focus on one organization each month. This will include opportunities for learning, volunteering, and donating half of the Sunday collection each week to support their work.

**January's justice partner is UnRestrict Minnesota**

UnRestrict Minnesota works to protect, expand, and destigmatize access to abortion care – and all reproductive healthcare – in Minnesota through public education, advocacy, and the law.

If you have an offering, please place it in an offertory box as you are leaving. Thank you.

Use the QR code to go directly to our giving page on our website:



**FOR YOUR WINTER CALENDAR – VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**ALL EVENTS ARE IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

**Friday, January 28 – Zoom**

Armchair Travelers

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**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, MN**

*Nurturing Spiritual Growth & Practicing Justice since 1866*

**HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS**

We have hearing assistant devices and large-print bulletins available for Sunday services. Please see an usher for these items or for assistance.

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

New families are always welcome in classes. *Families can recess together after the Time for All Ages*, or can connect with Amy Nelson or Derik Robertson, listed below.

**NURSERY CARE**

Nursery care is available each Sunday, and for many church events, for ages 6 months – 5 years. The nursery is located up the small incline past the main lobby.

**LIVE VIDEO OF THE SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY**

If you or your children need more space or a coloring table, there are monitors with live video of the service near the lobby, and in the Commons below the Sanctuary.

**GETTING INVOLVED**

If you would like to find meaningful ways to serve in the church, get involved in classes or groups, or consider becoming a member, please contact Melissa Egglar, listed below.

**CARING CONCERNS**

If you have a joy or sorrow you would like to have shared during the service, or would like to connect with our caring committee, please contact Melissa Egglar, listed below.

**SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE**

Find the church calendar, videos of sermons, and other information about the life of the church on our website at [www.uurochmn.org](http://www.uurochmn.org) and on Facebook: *First Unitarian Universalist Church-Rochester, MN*.

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