

## Lyrics

### #220 Bring Out the Festal Bread

Bring out the festal bread, and sing songs of freedom.  
Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

What modern pharaohs live in arrogance crownéd?  
Who shall be sent to challenge folly unbounded?

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Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

Chains still there are to break; their days are not finished.  
Metal or subtle-made they're still not diminished.

Bring out the festal bread, and sing songs of freedom.  
Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

Still does resentment bind each brother and sister.  
Still do the plagues affect us red as the river.

Bring out the festal bread, and sing songs of freedom.  
Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

Long be our journeying, yet justice is worth it;  
dance, sister Miriam, and help us to birth it.

Bring out the festal bread, and sing songs of freedom.  
Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

O people, lift your heads and look to the mountains;  
bushes aflame still call us, rocks still gush fountains!

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Shout with the slaves who fled, and sing songs of freedom.

## The Welcome Table

*A service of poetry, music, and reflections, echoing the Jewish Passover and Christian Holy Week, including a traditional Universalist communion.*

Thursday, April 14, 2022 | 7:00pm



First Unitarian Universalist Church | Rochester, Minnesota

*And the table will be wide.  
And the welcome will be wide.  
And the arms will open wide  
to gather us in.*

*And our hearts  
will open wide to receive.  
And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.*

*And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met with wine.*

*And we will open our hands to the feast  
without shame.*

*And we will turn toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite for despair.  
And we will taste and know of delight.*

*And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.*

*And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.*

*– Jan Richardson*

### **Gratitude**

*For help in preparing and leading the service,  
including readings, music, and providing wine,  
our thanks to Joe Mish, Austin Ferguson, Trish Braga, and Joe Lobl.  
A special thanks to Ann Hutton for making our communal bread.*

### **Gathering Music**

Austin Ferguson

### **Welcome**

Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer

### **Lighting of the Chalice** *And the Table will be Wide*, by Jan Richardson

Trish Braga

### **Prayer**

*Sung Refrain:*

May peace dwell in our hearts, may peace dwell in our world.  
May love dwell in our hearts, may love dwell in our world.

### **Reading**

*Jewish Prayer* by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

Ann Hutton

### **Hymn #220**

*Bring Out the Festal Bread*

### **Reflection on Passover**

Joe Lobl

### **Interlude**

*Let Us Break Bread*

### **Universalist Ritual of Communion**

*All are welcome to participate in this ritual. There is red wine and white grape juice.*

### **Hymn**

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O, God, have mercy on me.

Let us share the cup together on our knees. *(repeat)*  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O, God, have mercy on me.

Let us sing songs together on our knees. *(repeat)*  
When I rise, from my knees, with my heart to the rising sun,  
May love fall gently on me.

### **Benediction**

### **Reading**

from *The Gospel of Luke 23:44-47*

### **Music**

*Hashiveinu*

### **Silence and Darkness**

*In the tradition of holy week, the service ends in silence and near darkness.  
You are invited to quietly exit the Sanctuary after the music.*