

# Thy Neighbor, Thy Self

Sunday, August 8, 2021 — 10:00 am

## CENTERING THOUGHT –

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

— “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Love Thyself*  
*Amazing Grace*  
*All That You Have is Your Soul*

Joel Rafael  
LeAnn Rimes  
Tracy Chapman

## PRELUDE

*Won't You Be My Neighbor*

Fred Rogers, arr. Andrew Rangell

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny Afkinich, UUCU Board of Trustees

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Colette Gelwicks

## SOUNDING THE BELL

## CHALICE LIGHTING

“Wild Geese” By Mary Oliver

The Cutts Family

## CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

## GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## TIME FOR ALL AGES

“The Hole Boy”

Robin Slaw, Director of Religious Education

**HYMN #1031**

*Filled with Loving Kindness*

**READING**

“Phase One” By Dilruba Ahmed

Stephanie Rice

**SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING**

Prepare for Success

Roy Appletree

**OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Philip Bliss, arr. Hayes

To contribute remotely, text the word CHALICE to 73256  
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**SERMON**

Thy Neighbor, Thy Self

Rev. Jen Raffensperger

**HYMN #1012**

*When I am Frightened*

verses 1 & 3

**SHARING JOYS & SORROWS**

Send yours to [JoysAndSorrows@uucolumbia.net](mailto:JoysAndSorrows@uucolumbia.net)

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**MUSIC MEDITATION**

Wondrous Love

Southern Harmony, arr. McCarthy

**BENEDICTION**

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**POSTLUDE**

*Love Your Neighbor*  
*Midnight Radio*  
*Wings of Forgiveness*

Ladysmith Black Mambazo  
Lena Hall  
India.Arie

**Next Sunday's Worship: August 22 – 10am Eastern**

## ***The Spirit of Play***

In the Hindu family of faith traditions, the concept of “Lila” (pronounced “Leela”) refers to divine play. For some Hindus, all of creation is the product of divine play; for others, all of the activities of God are play and the aim of spirituality is to make all of life play. The dominant culture of the United States tends to separate out play from work and spirituality from everyday life. In today's service, Karyn Marsh, M.Div., will explore the spirituality of play and offer thoughts on integrating it into our lives.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For information about each event visit the online calendar at  
[uucolumbia.net/calendar](http://uucolumbia.net/calendar)

<b>Aug 8 Sunday</b>	10:00 am	<a href="#">Worship Service</a>
	After Service	<a href="#">Coffee Hour</a>
	After Service:	<a href="#">Q &amp; A for RE for Children &amp; Youth</a>
	11:30 am	<a href="#">Young Adult Brunch</a>
	4:00 pm	<a href="#">Black Lives Matter Vigil</a>
<b>Aug 9 Monday</b>		
<b>Aug 10 Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Board of Trustees Meeting</a>
	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Tuesday Night Group Meditation</a>
<b>Aug 11 Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Q &amp; A for RE for Children &amp; Youth</a>
<b>Aug 12 Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Chalice Choir Check-In</a>
<b>Aug 13 Friday</b>	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Q &amp; A for RE for Children &amp; Youth</a>
	7:30 pm	<a href="#">Turning Circle</a>
<b>Aug 14 Saturday</b>	1:00 pm	Technical Run-Through of Worship
	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Flying Solo Happy Hour</a>
<b>Aug 15 Sunday</b>	10:00 am	<a href="#">Worship Service</a>
	After Service	<a href="#">Coffee Hour</a>
	After Service:	<a href="#">Q &amp; A for RE for Children &amp; Youth</a>
	11:30 am	<a href="#">Young Adult Brunch</a>
	12:00 pm	<a href="#">Healthcare Workers' Support Group</a>
	4:00 pm	<a href="#">Black Lives Matter Vigil</a>

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