

# Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Surprise

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## Monthly Theme – September – Covenant

Order of Service – 10:30 a.m. – September 8, 2019

### Greetings

#### Welcome Visitors

**Prelude**..... *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* – C. F. Witt, 1715; adapted by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1861, lyrics by Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981; *God Bless the Child*: A swing-spiritual based on the authentic proverb “*God blessed the child that’s got his own*”, Arthur Herzog, Jr. and Billie Holiday

**Gathering Hymn #168**..... *One More Step*

#### Lighting the Chalice

*With its beauty and grace and strength, may this flaming chalice remind us of our highest aspirations, our deepest commitments, and our most earnest intentions.*

#### Lighting the Peace Candle

#### Joys . . . Concerns

#### Silence, Meditation and Prayer

**Affirmation**     *Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.*

**Responsive Reading #466** ..... *Religion* – Vincent B. Stillman

**Offertory**..... *I Swear* – Gary Baker and Frank Myers arranged by Tom Roed

**Readings**..... *The Faces of Covenant* – Timothy Keller, Paul E. Miller, and James Luther Adams

**Sermon**..... *The Purpose of Promises* – Rev. Terry Sims, Minister

**Hymn #1008**..... *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

#### Closing Words

**Sending Hymn #414**..... *As We Leave This Friendly Place*

### Today’s Hosts

Children’s RE Director..... Lisa Lawrence  
Hospitality..... Janet & David King, Berta Czczyk  
Music Director..... Debby Bullins  
Musician(s)..... Maggi Mahan & Ruth Swank  
Sound..... Evert Adams, George Czczyk  
Ushers..... Sally Thomas, Cynthia Bratcher  
Welcoming Center..... Sharon Forbes & Jim Dobbins