

Order Of Service

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades

“The Stillness Within the Battle – a Reflection on the Bhagavad Gita”

Sunday, 27 July 2025 with Rev. Pippa Jones

GATHERING & WELCOME - Arlene (handover to Pippa to introduce the Prelude)

PRELUDE (*Jai*) *Ma Song* – Donna De Lory

5:13

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pexw0YbU0nQ>

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CHALICE LIGHTING – Pippa

(Arlene will light the chalice at Bristol)

HYMN – # 348 *Guide My Feet* (LYRICS IN THE VIDEO)

2:24

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DziH3zFcU8>

INTRODUCTION – Pippa

MEDITATION – Pippa

INTERLUDE – *Jaya Bhagavan* (Krishna Das – live in New York 2013)

6:17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRuNUqS2hT8&list=PLtCPUGZwS1NTFCtwse3e7FnN6VoRmnF2r&index=13>

READING from the Bhagavad Gita - Arlene

SERMON “The Stillness Within the Battle” – Pippa

OFFERING PLATE <https://uucpalisades.org/product/make-a-donation-to-uucp/>

CLOSING BENEDICTION – Pippa

POSTLUDE *Love Oh Love* Lionel Richie (lyrics in the video)

4:23

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGA8pcE25qM>

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING – Pippa and Arlene

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Arlene

PRELUDE (*Jai*) *Ma Song* – Donna De Lory

I came here to love you.

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Carry me home with you. With you. With you.

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Jai Ma

Mother, Holy Mother, I came here to love you.

Mother, Holy Mother, I came here to love you.

With this song.

With this song.

Returning to Mother.

Returning.

Returning.

Returning.

Returning to the arms of the Mother.

I came here to love you.

Holy Mother

Holy Mother

Holy Mother

Jai Ma.

READING (from the Bhagavad Gita)

On this path, effort never goes to waste, and there is no failure. Even a little effort toward spiritual awareness will protect you from your greatest fears.

The impermanence of happiness and distress is like the appearance and disappearance of summer and winter. They arise from a sense of perception, and one must learn to tolerate them without being disturbed.

The offering of wisdom to another is better than any material offering, Arjuna; for the goal of all work is spiritual wisdom.

Those who live in wisdom see themselves in everything and everything in them.

We behold what we are, and we are what we behold.

Love Oh Love by Lionel Richie

Show the world and all its people
All the wonders love can bring
Give us strength and understanding
Give us all one song to sing
Let the music play
Play it loud and make it clear
It's time to stand up
To a new world that is now so near

All the walls are falling down
No more children off to war
If we search in our hearts
All the suffering will be no more

And let there be joy in the world (Let there be)
And let there be no sorrow (Let there be)
And let there be peace on Earth (Let there be)
For all God's children let them see

[Chorus]
Love, oh love
What a blessed thing, oh yeah
Say it loud
Make it clear today

And freedom, no more lies
We can save this world if we try
One world I know we can make it
Yes, it's only in your heart
Yes, it's only in your dreams
You can climb the highest mountains
You can make the whole world sing
Oh yeah

[Chorus]
Love, oh love
What a blessed thing, oh yeah
Say it loud
Make it clear today (REPEAT 2x)