# How to Love a Church

## with

# Amy G. S. A. Brooks

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All prayers and readings in today's service were written by our guest speaker, Amy G. S. A. Brooks.

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**                          Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

**Prelude**                                                             Peter Halperin

**Call to Worship/Chalice Lighting**       "Invitation"       Amy G.S.A. Brooks

*\*Opening Hymn*   *Here We Have Gathered*                                      #360

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**                          Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie
    **Time of Reflection and Meditation** (3 minutes)
    **Pastoral Prayer**  *Prayer Garden*                          Amy G.S.A. Brooks
    **Hymn**  *Spirit of Life*                                                      #123

**Offering**                                                Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie
    **Offertory**                                                      Peter Halperin

**Reading**   *Hope* by Amy G. S. A. Brooks        Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

**Sermon**   *How to Love a Church*                          Amy G.S.A. Brooks

**\*Closing Hymn**   *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*                                      #16

**Benediction**  *Amen*                                   Amy G.S.A. Brooks

**Postlude**                                                  Peter Halperin

 * You are invited to stand

Thank you to Doris Troy, Rich Peia, Jenifer Parkinson and Maddie Maccaferri for volunteering to be our set up, welcome, refreshment, greeter and counter volunteers.  Many thanks to Susanna Savoy for our flowers this morning.

**Need Someone to Listen?**

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Katharine Colon, Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can find their contact information in the member's section of the website:  www.uusmv.org/community/members/, or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com for a direct contact (available to members and non-members).

**Coming Events:**

**Fundraiser for UUSMV**
**Saturday, May 20 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm** in Stevens Chapel
Come listen to the musical genius of Jeremy Berlin and Delanie Pickering
$20 donation at the door -  Refreshments provided - Tell all your friends!

**Annual UUSMV Auction**
**Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 18**
Starting getting ready for many amazing and unique items and experiences to bid on. It is not too early to start thinking items to add to this year's auction.