

Reality has a well-known liberal bias.

~ Stephen Colbert
at the 2006 White House Correspondents' Dinner

Call to Community *Missing*
✚ DM Strong

Prelude *We Laugh, We Cry*
Words & music: Jim Scott

Chalice Lighting *To Seek, To Share, To Live*
✚ DM Strong

Spoken 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.*

Opening Thought from *The Future of Democracy*
✚ The New Yorker Editors

Reading from *The Last Time Democracy Died*
Jill Lepore

Song *Soon the Day Will Arrive*
Words: Ehud Manor, Music: Nurit Hirsch
✚ Soloist: Bowman Maze

Practices

Meditation *In the Midst of a World*
✚ Rebecca Parker

Stillness for a time

Musical Response

Reading from *Covid-19 'Liberate' Groups are the
Same One Pushing Climate Change*
Steve Horn

Reflection *The Erosion of Forbearance and
And Mutual Toleration*
✚ the Rev DM Strong

Song *We Laugh, We Cry*
The Virtual Chamber Choir,
Community Church of Chapel Hill, UU, N.C.

Parting Thought *Choose to Bless the World*
✚ Rebecca Parker

Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

✚ Lifting up UU authors

Program Notes

Our Adult Forum is starting back up this Sunday at 10 am via Zoom. Come join us as we listen to and discuss the PBS podcast Sphinx of Washington Street. If you wish to listen to this podcast the link is:

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/30/718690988/the-sphinx-of-washington-street>.

This 45-minute listen is episode 4 of *White Lies - The Murder of Rev. James Reeb*. The Adult Forum had been watching the series before we joined the world in sheltering in place.

To join Sunday morning's AF discussion on Zoom click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/91155497586>. The link should correctly connect you to our Adult Forum on your computer or smartphone/tablet. If you have an issue or you do not properly connect you can always bring up Zoom on your browser by going to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) or by starting your Zoom app if you have one installed on your smartphone/tablet. Select "Join a meeting" and enter the meeting ID 911 5549 7586. The link and meeting ID will always be the same, because this is a reoccurring Zoom meeting. You might want to save it for easy access in future weeks.

Conversations sans Calories - today immediately after the morning assembly. You can follow the same instructions (above) but use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/93385022882> instead. Here's the Meeting ID: 933 8502 2882

The Committee on Ministry is available to meet (via Zoom) today (Sunday afternoon) with anyone desiring to speak with them. Email CoM@redriveruu.org to arrange a time.

Deadline for the June newsletter is was last night. Did you forget? No sweat. Send your stuff to news@redriveruu.org no later than tomorrow evening.

Connections - It's Why We're Here - The annual stewardship campaign is now at 92.4% complete. Kudos and Kisses to all who have made a pledge. If you have not yet made a pledge, please do. Click the Pledge Now button on the church app. *The three dudes*.

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 28th following the morning assembly. The guest minister will be the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata.



Next Sunday, June 1, 2020

Thirty-years of being an Open & Affirming Church
The Rev Salvatore Sapienze, *preaching*

The United Church of Christ called their "Welcoming Congregation" process "Open & Affirming" congregations. The Douglas, MI United Church of Christ has been an open and affirming congregation for thirty years. On Sunday we will watch their minister's inspiring message in celebration of Gay Pride month.

