

Love is like wildflowers; it's often found in the most unlikely places.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greeting one another

- ◆ With hellos & “air” hugs
- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Call to Community
A Place of Belonging and Caring
by Kimberlee Anne Tomzak Carlson*
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Within the Heart of the Flower
by Amy Zucker Morgenstern*
- ◆ 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.

Declaring our Possibilities

- ◆ Opening Thought
All of Us Are Beautiful
by Thomas Rhodes*
- ◆ Gathering of the Flowers - *please add your flower(s) now*
Color & Fragrance
by Norbert Čapek*
- ◆ Reading
Flower Communion
by Lynn Ungar*Juli
- ◆ Candles of Community / Giving
Those who wish, may bring their gifts to the table
Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers
words: Didrik Petri | music: Tom Benjamin*

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Readings
Mother's Day Proclamation
Julia Ward Howe*

- ◆ Song
Faith of our Mothers
words: Arthur B. Patten | music: St Catherine

- ◆ Readings
Every Mother Has a Different Story
by Cheryl Strayed
Surplus Mothers
by Tecohe
Mammas Day Our Way
by Strong Families Network

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Practices
 - ◆ Meditation
A Bouquet of People
by Claire Feingold Thoryn*
 - ◆ A Time for Personal Reflection
 - ◆ Musical Response
For Flowers that Bloom about Our Feet
music: Severus Gastorius | words: Ralph W. Emerson*
- ◆ Reading
The Story of Norbert Čapek's Flower Communion
by Teresa Schwartz and David Schwartz
- ◆ Prayer
Flower Communion Prayer
by Michael DeVernon Boblett
- ◆ Selecting A Flower - *for those viewing on Zoom, what flower would you like selected for you*
Rising Green
by Carolyn McDade*
- ◆ Benediction
Blessing for Flower Communion
by Thomas Rhodes
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice
We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

the warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

- ◆ Postlude

Program Notes

This morning's assembly was created by the Worship Team.

Reminder: The Spring Congregational Meeting is next Sunday starting with a finger food potluck lunch, followed by the meeting @ 12:45. The Packet of materials is available on the church app and website and was emailed to the membership. If you can't attend, please vote online.

Musical Notes: *Color & Fragrance* has a quaint somewhat old fashion tune. In Čapek's remarkable lyric, we discover a growing God – a creating creator, inviting us to not just notice creation, not just be part of creation, but to be part of creating. All of earth and its earthlings = God's vision growing. Especially those last two verses that make it clear that WE are God's vision growing. We are the creation and the creators of reality, though our actions, through our being, in relationship, moving in harmony.

For Flowers that Bloom about Our Feet - the tune is a sweet German melody. It's easy to sing and isn't boring at all. This hymn was also in 1964 *Songs for the Celebration of Life* hymnal – so Unitarian Universalists for a while have felt it necessary to have one when it comes to thanking the divine for nature with a hymn that features a repeating chorus. It's a spring hymn of thanks.

Faith of our Mothers is not in our hymnal, nor was it in the previous (blue) one. It was, however, in the 1937 *Universalist Church of America* hymnal *Hymns of the Spirit*.

Rising Green by Carolyn McDade (who composed *Spirit of Life*) what's elegant is the way the tune and lyric paint a feeling, an image, a texture, a sense of movement. It begins at the end of the first line of each verse... “sap doth run in my veins”... “sight as deep as the sea”... “rushing on a far distant sand”... “dreaming shows us the way” – each of those phrases evoking something bigger than ourselves. In the singing and listening, you can hear a sense of hope and release and movement, as the phrase settles back into the notes the verse began with, almost like a wave, or a sudden breeze, or an epiphany

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Welcome Guests

We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.

Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.

We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.

We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.

Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store.

This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.



Making Things Happen Today

- ◆ Board Rep: Marilyn Alexander
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: David Dyer
- ◆ Host: Marion Hill
- ◆ Leading today: Marla Loturco, Jana Norris, Dick Powell
- ◆ AV Crew: Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes,
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: Ellie Dyer

Next Week, Sunday May 15, 2022 8, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

My Favorite Universe

A video series from The Great Courses

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

“Of all the amazing things about the Universe, I think two stand above all the rest. One of them is that we know so much about the universe, but another is that there's even more that we don't know.”

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Pernicious Propaganda

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

Everywhere we turn we are immersed in propaganda that is being used to persuade us to believe and act in ways others wish us to believe and act, often with little regard for the truth or the common good. Are there ways for us to weaken the pernicious power that propaganda has in our lives?

12:15 am – Conversations & Calories

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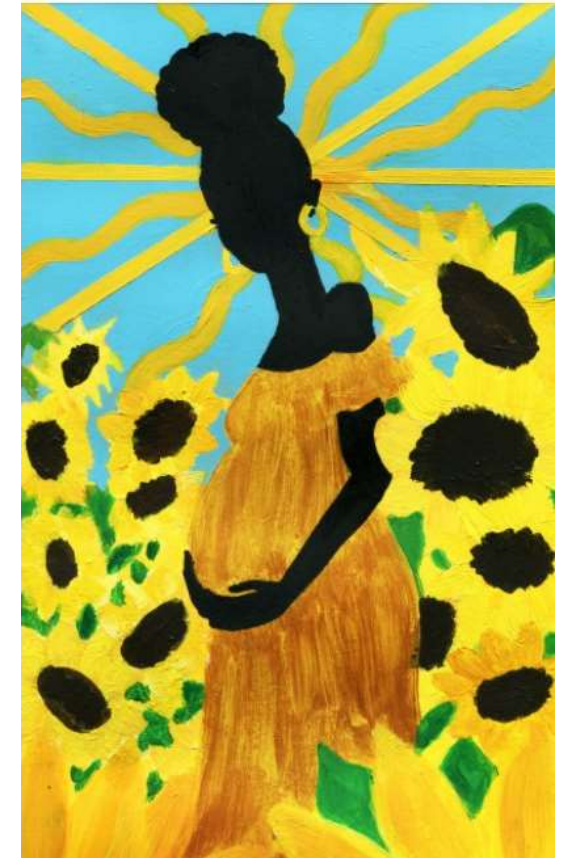
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THE MORNING PROGRAM



SUNDAY MAY 8, 2022

Celebrating diversity, compassion,
and spiritual growth.