

# Order of Service

June 24th, 2018



*We are “allied” with no one and with nothing but love—the larger Love transcending all our understanding, within which all the different, differing, gorgeously various, variant, beautifully deviant aspects of ourselves are bound in elegant unity.*

—Rev. Victoria Safford

*Please remember to silence cell phones and other electronics.*

## A Time of Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman

## Bellsound

*An invitation to silence and mindfulness*

## Prelude

*Lyric Nocturne, by Catherine Rollin*

Arlen Ottmar

## Call to Gather

## Chalice Lighting

Laurie Cummins,  
Worship Associate

**Leader:** Life is a gift for which we are grateful.

**People:** *We gather in community to celebrate the wonder and mystery of this great gift.*

**Leader:** So let us now kindle the flame of our liberal religious heritage and renew our covenant of mutual love and care:

**People:** *Love is our doctrine, the quest for truth is our sacrament, and service is our prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom and to serve those in need, this we promise, this we covenant with Life and one another.*

## Opening Hymn

#170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

## Time for All Ages

Jessica Zimmer

## Singing the Children To Their Classes

*Go now in peace, may love guide all your ways;  
Beauty be the blessing of your nights and days.  
Truth on your lips, and kindness in your deeds;  
Faith to follow where the human spirit leads.*

- Offering** *Give Thanks*, by Henry Smith
- Lifetime Member Awards** *Honoring Jean and Al Hood  
for their many contributions to UUS  
through the years*
- Hymn of Community** #131 *Love Will Guide Us*
- Readings** *My Gay Agenda*, by Jennifer Finney Boylan  
*Any Other Questions?*, by Rev. Victoria Safford
- Interlude** *Create In Me A Clean Heart*, by Anonymous, arr. by Hayes
- Sermon** *The Real Gay Agenda* Rev. Steven Protzman
- Responsive Reading** “*We Answer the Call of Love*” (insert)
- Closing Hymn** #1014 *We Are Answering the Call of Love* (insert)
- Extinguishing  
the Chalice** *We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
All these we carry in our hearts and minds  
until we are together again.*
- Sending Song** #1058 *Be Ours a Religion*
- Benediction**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after this service for a  
festive reception in honor of Jean and Al.



**We thank our dedicated Service Volunteers:**

**Hospitality Team:** Ron Crawford, Lois Hughes, Merle Ihne, David and Susan Kramer, Steve Locher, Laurie Neuerburg, Kim and Lula Palmer, and Judy Quinn

**Audio/Visual Volunteer:** Paul Pomrehn

## Have UU Heard? Congregational News

- **UUS Shuttle Service Suspended for Summer:** The UUS Shuttle Service will resume in September. We continue to request that the spaces in our lot be saved for people who need to park close, but feel free to pull up to our front doors to drop off passengers if you are able to park elsewhere. The two auxiliary parking lots (the Old Hospital Road lot to the south and the Kirkwood parking lot to the north) are both still available for excess parking on Sunday mornings, as is the east side of Oakdale Road. There are sidewalks and bike path connections to each lot. Please contact Kelly O'Berry ([kelly-oberry@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-oberry@uiowa.edu) or 541-0326) if you have any questions or suggestions for the UUS Shuttle when it resumes in the fall.
- **Wellspring Course Info Session, today:** At 11 am in the Sanctuary, our Director of Congregational Life, Peggy Garrigues, will hold an information session on UU Wellspring, a new program for those who want to go deeper in their spiritual life, develop a supportive community in a small group, and grow deeper in their understanding of UU values. UU Wellspring incorporates five elements designed to balance a knowledge of UU history/theology with personal spiritual practice and engagement with the world:
  - A commitment to daily spiritual practice
  - Participation in a small-group community
  - Individual work with a spiritual director
  - Readings and resources for knowledge and reflection
  - Reflection and commitment to live out our values in the world

The program will begin with a Saturday retreat in September, then meet for two hours every two weeks, on a weeknight yet to be determined, from September through June. There will be articles to read and/or video clips to watch before each session. Contact Peggy ([dcl@uusic.org](mailto:dcl@uusic.org)) with questions.

**A Celebration of our Shared Ministry with Rev. Steven, July 1st:** The UUS Board of Trustees invites you to attend Rev. Steven's last Sunday service in the UUS pulpit as our settled minister. Immediately following the service on July 1st, we will have a grand celebration of our shared ministry over the last seven years. Please plan to join us!

## Upcoming Events

- **Dances of Universal Peace, today:** Participants will gather in the RE Commons at 3 pm on Sunday, June 24th, for chanting and simple folk-dance movements honoring various religious traditions. These prayerful, heart-opening dances create a sense of inner peace and foster connections between people. No experience is needed. All are welcome to attend. Contact Virginia Melroy (338-1778 or [dancesofpeace@uusic.org](mailto:dancesofpeace@uusic.org)) if you have questions.

## Upcoming Events, cont'd

- **Buddhist Sangha, Monday:** The Sangha gathers weekly at 7 pm at Oaknoll (1 Oaknoll Dr., Iowa City) for silent meditation and discussion of contemporary Buddhist teachings. We are currently discussing the book *Seeking the Heart of Wisdom: The Path of Insight Meditation* by Goldstein and Kornfield. Contact Cindy Spading (buddhistsangha@uusic.org) for information.
- **CUUPs Strawberry Moon Ritual, Wednesday:** The Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) will gather on Wednesday, June 27th, to honor the full moon, center on gratitude and do a moving (low-impact, easily modified) meditation to re-energize the coming month. And yes, there will be strawberries. Please bring a chair or something to sit on. This gathering is planned to be held outside, so please come dressed for the weather. The Conference Room will be our backup location. Location will be determined day of the event based on attendee's mobility and weather conditions. If you plan to attend and have mobility concerns, please contact Jen Brinkmeyer (jenbrinkmeyer@gmail.com) prior to the event or arrive by 7 pm. If you would like to review ritual format and etiquette, please arrive at 7. Otherwise, please arrive by 7:15 to greet each other and get settled. We will begin the working promptly at 7:30 pm.
- **Girls' Night Out, Thursday:** All UUS women are invited for conversation, lots of laughs, and refreshments at 5:30 pm for Girls' Night Out on Thursday, June 28th, at Red Vespa in Solon (208 E Main Street). Contact Jamie Sharp (girlsnightout@uusic.org or 400-2551) if you plan to attend.
- **Vegetarian Community Plantluck, Saturday:** The Vegetarian Community will share a 'plantluck' picnic on Saturday, June 30th, from 5 to 8 pm on the UUS patio. Participants will enjoy leisurely activities on the UUS grounds, including a walk through the woods, if desired. Please bring a favorite exclusively plant-based dish for 8-10 servings and your own reusable/recyclable table service and beverage. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol Throckmorton (337-3030, carolthrockmorton108@msn.com) with questions.
- **Friends of Friends, Sunday:** Friends of Friends is a support group where people with a disability and their friends and caregivers can swap stories and share coping skills. We meet on the first Sunday of the month at 11 am in the Hickory Room. To learn more, contact Michael or Rochelle Honey-Arcement at accessibility@uusic.org.