

Order of Service

August 26th, 2018



Fix Reason firmly in her seat, and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of God; because, if there be one, [He] must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blindfolded fear. —Thomas Jefferson

Please remember to silence cell phones and other electronics.

A Time of Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Bellsound

An invitation to silence and mindfulness

Prelude

#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Peng Zhang

Call to Gather

Has UUS Always Been Freethinker Friendly?

Mark Yuskis

Chalice Lighting

Leader: We light a flame in our beautiful chalice this morning to represent the illumination that comes from reason and knowledge.

People: *We gather in community to celebrate the common bonds of our lives, together for the greater good of all.*

Leader: So let us now kindle the flame of our beloved community and renew our covenant of mutual love and care.

People: *Love is the doctrine of this Society; the responsible search for Truth is our quest; and, service is our duty.*

To dwell together in peace, to seek Meaning freely, and to serve those in need, this we promise, this we covenant to each and all.

Opening Song

#360 Here We Have Gathered

Time for All Ages

Imagine, by John Lennon,
performed by Adam Kornowski, 4th Grader

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

The Blue Danube Waltz, by Johann Strauss II

Meditation

Readings *Song of Myself* “*I think I could turn and live with animals,*”
by Walt Whitman
Quotes from Robert Green Ingersoll on belief and faith

Interlude *Peer Gynt Suite: In the Hall of the Mountain King*, by Edvard Grieg

Message *A Secular Humanist Considers Our Fourth Principle* Mark Yuskis

Closing Song #318 *We Would Be One*

**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.*

Song of Farewell *As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to ev'ry face;
May the kindness which we learn,
light our hearts 'til we return.*

Closing Words

Traveling Music *Ode to Joy, 9th Symphony, Movement IV*,
by Ludwig van Beethoven



We thank our dedicated Service Volunteers:

Hospitality Team: Peg Bouska, Jeanette Carter, Dixie Cassady, Dave and Diane Martin, Sue Otto, Mike and Pat Pavelich, Bonnie Penno, Susan Salterberg, Hilary Strayer, and Ron Wright

Welcome Table: Larry Audlehelm

Audio/Visual: Chris Rode

*To learn more about Sunday volunteer opportunities, stop by the Welcome Table
or contact Peggy Garrigues (dcl@uusic.org)*

Have UU Heard? Congregational News

- **Staff Retreat, August 28th:** The building will be closed until 1:30 pm next Tuesday, August 28th, while the UUS core staff engage in a half-day off-site retreat. If you need access to UUS that morning, visit Emma in the office today to make arrangements (UUS is closed on Mondays).
- **Labor Day Sunday Service and Potluck, September 2nd:** This year on Labor Day Sunday, we will have an informal all-ages service at 9:30 am led by Rev. Diane Dowgiert, followed by a potluck picnic brunch on the UUS patio. Come share relaxed time over an informal meal on this holiday weekend! There will not be a regular social time on that day, but everyone is invited to bring some food to share for the picnic, and your own dishes, glasses, and silverware. Coffee, water, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Feel free to bring folding chairs or picnic blankets. There will be some refrigerator space available, but we encourage you to bring hot food either well-insulated or in a slow cooker. Please also remember that we have people with food allergies or special diets, so it is helpful to have a variety of vegan and gluten-free foods, and if possible to list ingredients in the food you bring. Contact Diane Martin with questions (dianemartin@mchsi.com).

- **Endowment Party, September 9th:** The Endowment Fund continues to play an important role in the financial success of UUS, and we can all be part of keeping the Fund growing stronger! Please join us on Sunday, September 9th, from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Endowment Party! RSVP (requested but not required) to Ken Atkinson (keatkinson@mchsi.com) by Wednesday, September 5th. No childcare will be provided during the party. Gifts to the Endowment Fund can be made at the party (checks made to UUS with “Endowment” on the memo line), sent to the UUS office, or donated online through Realm: www.bit.ly/UUSEndowment.

Upcoming Events

- **Inquirer Session, today:** Newcomers and visitors are invited to join us in the Conference Room at 10:30 after the Sunday services for the Inquirer Sessions, a rotating series of orientation classes designed to introduce the values and history of Unitarian Universalism and give newcomers a feeling of connection by offering opportunities to get involved with groups and activities within the congregation. The topic today will be “Intro to Religious Education Opportunities for Children, Youth, and Adults, with Jessica Zimmer.”
- **Freethinker Friendly Q&A, today:** Our congregation is seeking the Freethinker Friendly Congregation designation from the UU Humanist Association. The UU Secular Humanists invite you to come by their table in the Fellowship Hall after the service and learn more about the process.
- **Buddhist Sangha, Monday:** The Sangha gathers every Monday evening at 7 pm at Oaknoll for silent meditation and discussion of contemporary Buddhist teachings. (We will not be meeting on Labor Day.) We will be starting a new book, *being zen, Bringing Meditation to Life*, by Ezra Bayda, just after Labor Day. To find out more, contact Cindy Spading (buddhistsangha@uusic.org).

- **UUS Adult Choir Rehearsal, Thursday:** The UUS Adult Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm. The choir will sing three Sundays of each month. On the Sundays when the choir sings members gather in the sanctuary for a 9 am rehearsal. The choir is open to all singers (high school and beyond). No auditions or experience required. The choir sings in unison, two, three, and four parts. If you are questioning your skills, don't worry, you will be welcomed with open arms. Questions? Give Gloria Corbin a call or send an email: 338-5012 or music@uusic.org.
- **Green Sanctuary Committee, September 4th:** The Green Sanctuary Committee invites you to join us from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Conference Room the first Tuesday of each month as we collaborate on ways to live our Seventh Principle (respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part) in the life of our church community, in our personal lives, and in our world.
- **UUS Community Meal, September 5th:** Kids, grown-ups—everybody come! We're hosting a series of fall suppers for all members, friends, and families of UUS that will offer casual dining at its best with meat, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. Community Meals are planned for the first Wednesday of each month through December 2018, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this monthly chance to get out of the kitchen and get to know each other a little better! There is no set charge, but donations are always welcome to help cover costs. RSVP after services or online, and let us know if you can help with setup or cleanup: bit.ly/UUSCommunityMeals.
- **CUUPS Days of Balance, September 5th:** Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) as we explore the magic of the equinoxes. As the Autumnal (Fall) equinox approaches, we've already noticed the days growing shorter as the sun sets a little earlier each day. On this day, light and dark will sit in balance for just a brief moment in time. What work does this energy support? How does it differ from the energy we feel at the Vernal (Spring) equinox? Do we humans ever sit at complete balance, and should we even try? Please come to share your beliefs and experiences of the energy of balance and how we can work with it to deepen our practices. We will gather at 6:45 in the Conference Room, and begin the discussion at 7 pm. Contact Marsha Cheyney (cuups@uusic.org) with any questions.
- **VegFest Fundraiser Cooking Class, September 6th:** Join Chef David Burt for a cooking class and casual dinner from 6 to 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Participants will learn how to make a delicious meal using late summer vegetables and enjoy the meal and a conversation with Chef David. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.vegfesteasterniowa.com/store/p4/vegfest-fundraiser. This event is a fundraiser for the first ever VegFest of Eastern Iowa scheduled for September 29th at UUS.
- **Racial Justice Circle, September 9th:** The Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle (RJC) will meet on the second and fourth Sundays in September from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the Oak Room. RJC is UUS's next step to visibly and responsibly answer the call from communities of color to stand and act in solidarity for racial justice. Please join us as we collaboratively build our vision to effectively engage in racial justice efforts in our community. Contact Dave Martin and Peg Bouska at racialjusticechair@uusic.org with questions.
- **Friends of Friends, September 9th:** 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.