

Order of Service

September 9th, 2018

*Holy waters, make us new. Holy waters, make us whole.
Holy waters, make us free. Holy waters make us one. —Jason Shelton*

Please remember to silence cell phones and other electronics.

Welcome Peggy Garrigues

Bellsound *An invitation to silence and mindfulness*

Prelude *The Water is Wilde, English folk song,
arranged by Michael Logozar* Peng Zhang

Call to Gather *To the Four Directions, by Joan Goodwin*

Chalice Lighting

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 *Keepers of the Earth (insert)*

Introduction to Water Communion Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Meditation

Meditation Hymn *Holy Waters (insert)*

Offering *Ballade pour Adeline, by Richard Clayderman*

Making a Rainstorm

Water Communion

Nathan Gall, Nina Jakob, and
Dahmia Christophel

Blessing of the Waters

#1007 There's a River Flowin' In My Soul

Closing Hymn

We extinguish this flame,

Extinguishing the Chalice *but not the light of truth, the warmth of community,
the fire of commitment. All these we carry in our hearts and minds until
we are together again.*

Holy Waters

Sending Song

Benediction

Traveling Music

*After the service, we invite anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year to join
Rev. Diane Dowgiert for a brief memorial in the UUS community garden.*



We thank our dedicated Service Volunteers:

Hospitality Team: Jane DeWitt, Betsy Fischer, Nik Jakob, Russ Lenth, Lynette Marshall, Kim and Lula Palmer, and Dave and Judy Tokuhisa

Welcome Table: Gary Lawrenson

Audio/Visual: Chris Rode

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

Also thanks to last week's Volunteers for the Labor Day service and picnic:

Hospitality Team: Aiden and Allison Betine, Kerry Gundlach, Barn Haring, Hilary Higgins, Dave and Diane Martin, and Kim and Lula Palmer

Welcome Table: Carol Nordquist

Audio/Visual: Alex Curtis

Have UU Heard? Congregational News

- **Endowment Party, today:** 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 this afternoon from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Endowment Party! 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.
- **UUS Community Garden Dedication, September 16th:** The Community Garden will be dedicated in a brief ceremony after the service on Sunday, September 16th. Please join us in the garden for a celebration and blessing of the garden and the new artwork installed and donated by Julia and Larry Audelhelm.

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 an Inquirer Session, one of a series of orientation classes designed to introduce newcomers to UU values and history and offer opportunities to get involved with groups and activities within the congregation. The topic today will be “Intro to Interest and Activity Groups.”
- **Racial Justice Circle, today:** The Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle (RJC) will meet today 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, today:** 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.
- **Kiirtan, Monday:** The next Kiirtan will be held from 6 to 7 pm at the Sycamore Rooms in the basement of Acupuncture of Iowa (2412 Towncrest Dr). Kiirtan is a combination of music and spiritual practice—it is the chanting or singing of a certain phrase that is charged with meaning. Kiirtan uplifts the spirit, calms the mind, and opens the heart. It can be combined with a variety of instruments (we’ll start with guitar) and with dance. For more information, contact Andy Douglas at kiirtan@uusic.org.
- **Buddhist Sangha, Monday:** The Sangha gathers every Monday evening at 7 pm at Oaknoll for silent meditation and discussion of contemporary Buddhist teachings. Starting this week, we’ll be discussing a new book, *being zen, Bringing Meditation to Life*, by Ezra Bayda. To find out more, contact Cindy Spading (buddhistsangha@uusic.org).

- **UU Book Discussion Group, Monday:** We will meet at 7:30 pm in either Meeting Room A or B of the Oaknoll George Street building. *Natural Causes: An Epidemic of Wellness, the Certainty of Dying, and Killing Ourselves to Live Longer* by Barbara Ehrenreich is our September book. We will also pick the books for November through May. The selection for October is *Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship*, by Michelle Kuo. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions contact Mary Lou Welter at 354-1231, bookgroup@uusic.org, or post in the Realm group.
- **Social Justice Coordinating Committee, Tuesday:** The Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC) meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Our meetings are informal and fun, and we welcome new faces and ideas. Join us! All are welcome! Contact socialjustice@uusic.org to get more information about the committee.
- **UUS Board Meeting, Thursday:** The UUS Board of Trustees meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. Meetings are open to all UUS members. Look for an agenda in the weekly email or on the website.
- **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.
- **Free Lunch Program, Friday:** UUS supports the Free Lunch Program by sending a group of volunteers on the second Friday of each month to prepare, serve, and clean up after a lunch for approximately 140 people. Email Carmen Griggs (csgriggsiowa@gmail.com) for more information.
- **CUUPs Wheel of the Year, Friday:** Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) in the Conference Room at 6:30 pm for an introduction to the Pagan Calendar. We'll discuss the history and rituals surrounding the major holidays, which are fascinating even to those who don't identify as Pagan. Contact Craig Christophel for more information at craigleh@gmail.com or 461-6900.
- **Get Out the Vote! Saturday:** SJCC, the Rhema Worship Center, and the League of Women Voters are hosting a Get Out the Vote event in Wetherby Park (2400 Taylor Drive, IC) from 2 to 5 pm. Come help register voters, encourage absentee voting, and enjoy free food and children's activities.
- **Vegetarian Community Plantluck, Saturday:** The Vegetarian Community will enjoy a "plantluck" from 5 to 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring 8-10 servings of your favorite vegan dish and your own reusable/recyclable table service and beverage. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol Throckmorton at 337-3030 or vegcommunity@uusic.org for questions.
- **Freethinker Friendly Forum, Sunday:** The Freethinker Friendly Congregation Committee of the UUS Secular Humanist group will hold a Forum after the service next week at 11 am in the Sanctuary. We'll present on what this UUA-designation means to our UUS, followed by a Q&A session.
- **Dances of Universal Peace, Sunday:** We'll gather in the RE Commons at 3 pm for chanting and simple folk dance movements honoring various religious traditions. No experience is needed. Contact Virginia Melroy (338-1778 or dancesofpeace@uusic.org) if you have questions.