

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

March 22nd, 2020



All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.

—George Odell

Welcome

Peggy Garrigues

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

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.*

Prelude

Kindred, We Now Meet to Worship, by Thommy Snell
(see lyrics on p.3)

Gloria Corbin

Time for All Ages

Jessica Zimmer

Hymn

#1012 *When I Am Frightened*

Offering

The Lark in the Clear Air, by Samuel Ferguson
(Offering donations support Center for Worker Justice.)

Peggy Garrigues

Aura Strohschein

Meditation

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Meditative Music

Peace Prelude, by Michael Scott

Aura Strohschein

Message

Unconventional Wisdom

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Hymn

#1011 *Return Again*

**Extinguishing
the Chalice**

Peggy Garrigues

*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 in our minds
until we are together again.*

Benediction

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Traveling Music

Wellspring, by Michael Scott

Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **COVID-19 Information:** UUS is closed until at least Sunday, April 12th, as a preemptive measure against COVID-19. The UUS Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will be reevaluating and extending the closure as necessary on a weekly basis. In the interim, Sunday services will be streamed via Zoom at 10 am. The building will be locked to the public during this time and staff will not be available for in-person support. You can reach the office during the closure by emailing admin@uusic.org or by calling the office (319-337-3443) and leaving a message. All staff may be slower to respond to messages and requests during the closure; your patience is appreciated. Individual groups and events may choose to meet at their discretion at the building, if they have access, or at an offsite location. Anyone meeting at UUS is responsible for locking up and sanitizing surfaces using instructions and supplies left around the building. Group leaders can also contact staff for help setting up virtual meetings using our paid Zoom accounts. Any groups canceling or rescheduling events should let the office know (admin@uusic.org) so that the calendar and communications can be updated.
- **Sunday Offerings:** Please don't forget about our community partners. You can donate online by visiting bit.ly/UUSOffering. You may also text "GivetoUUSIC" to 73256.
- **From Your Board of Directors: Draft Policy Manual:** The Governance Committee has begun its work on creating a board policy manual. This includes reviewing and revising existing policies and writing new policies, especially as they pertain to the work of the new committees. The board policy manual only pertains to policies and procedures that relate to governance. The minister and staff will hold the policies that relate to ministry. The new minister will be in charge of those policies. The Governance Committee will post a draft copy of their ongoing work on the UUS website. If you have questions or comments about this, you can direct emails to Amy Fretz.

Kindred, We Now Meet to Worship, by Thommy Snell

Kindred, we now meet to worship,
Reaching out through screen and phone.
Though we dwell in isolation
We don't have to be alone.
Worshiping beyond our building,
Our connection's no less real.
Though we cannot meet in person,
Covenant unites us still.

Siblings, share a song of gladness
Lifting spirits, spreading cheer,
So that in these days of sadness
We won't be consumed by fear.
In this time of mass confusion,
Sickness, loss, and overwhelm,
Let's encourage one another
Hands not joined, but hearts are held.

Friends, be gentle with each other,
There's so much we're going through.
May this be a time for healing,
Holding space for grieving too.
Bodies, minds, and hearts are weary.
Anguish fills the aching soul,
But we know with perseverance
Broken hearts can be made whole.