

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

April 5th, 2020



*I have come to terms with the future. From this day onward I will walk easy on the earth.
Plant trees. Kill no living things. Live in harmony with all creatures. I will restore
the earth where I am. Use no more of its resources than I need.
And listen, listen to what it is telling me. —M. J. Slim Hooey*

Welcome Peggy Garrigues

Prelude *Sonata in E Minor, III. Scherzo*, by Florence B. Price Aura Strohschein

Call to Gather

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 *We Are the Keepers of Earth*, by Joyce Poley Gloria Corbin

Time for All Ages *The Trouble with Dragons*, by Debi Glior Jessica Zimmer

Offering *Sonata in E Minor, II. Andante*, by Florence B. Price
**(Today's Offerings Benefit
Domestic Violence Intervention Program)**

Meditation

Meditative Music *Deep Peace*, by Bill Douglas Aura Strohschein

Sermon

Spring for Change: Honoring Water, Earth & Each Generation,
by Aly Tharp

Presented by
Deb Schoelerman

Closing Hymn

#1064 Blue Boat Home

**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 in our minds
until we are together again.*

Benediction**Traveling Music**

Deep Peace Reprisal, by Bill Douglas

Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Virtual Service AV Volunteers:** For the last few weeks, the UUS staff have been running most aspects of the virtual Sunday services, including AV. Now that we're getting the hang of Zoom and developing a routine for Sunday mornings, we would love to have the congregation step in to help make our services successful. We need 2 volunteers each week:
 - Someone to be the Zoom Host who would give the instructions at the beginning of the meeting, answer people's technical questions on the chat, and assign and manage break-out rooms at the end of the service.
 - Someone to screen share and run the slide show, following the worship script to advance the slides, play recordings, and pausing as necessary when worship leaders need to present.

Serving as an AV volunteer is pretty straightforward and does not require a lot of technical skills outside of a basic understanding of Zoom and PowerPoint. UUS Admin Emma Barnum can give you some training and will provide instructions to follow. We also have a service run-through each Sunday at 8:30 am to test our connections and make sure everyone is prepared and the service will run smoothly. If you are interested in helping run AV for a virtual service, please let Emma know at admin@uus.org.

- **Virtual RE Storytime:** Join RE staff on Zoom for a virtual storytime with a check-in, story or activity, and show & tell each Wednesday at 10 am and 7 pm. These sessions are geared for our Lower Elementary RE Kids (PreK/K included), but open to all. Morning Storytime: Meeting ID: 296 397 328, or join by phone: (312) 626-6799. Evening Storytime: Meeting ID: 975 707 982, or join by phone: (312) 626-6799.
- **5-6th Grade Zoom Meetups:** Families with RE participants in 5-6th grade should have received an email with information about weekly zoom meetups we are holding for the Upper Elementary RE group on Sundays through mid-May. If you did not receive an email or would like more information, including the zoom link, please let Jessica Zimmer know at education@uusic.org.
- **Virtual Regional Assembly for the MidAmerica Region of the UUA, April 18th:** This year is unlike any other, in that our MidAmerica UU Regional Assembly will be held online only, on Saturday, April 18th.

In the past, it has been an opportunity for several hundred UUs from the midwest to gather for worship, workshops, inspiring speakers, and networking. Taquiena Boston, who is Special Advisor to the UUA President for Inclusion, Equity, and Change, will be the keynote speaker.

The cost of the virtual assembly is \$50, and anyone can attend Regional Assembly. You can find the details here: www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020. If you do decide to register, please let Peggy Garrigues know, so that we can coordinate a virtual meeting ahead of time for those who would like to check in with each other before “attending” the assembly.

If you would like to attend, but \$50 is a stretch, UUS does have scholarship money available. Contact Peggy Garrigues (dcl@uusic.org) to request consideration for a scholarship. UUS also gets six official delegates. If you are a UUS member and would like to attend this virtual assembly as one of our official delegates, you can also contact Peggy, who will pass along the names of those interested for consideration by the board.