

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

April 12th, 2020



The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. —Abraham Lincoln

Welcome Peggy Garrigues

Call to Gather *For Holy Days*, by Dillman Baker Sorrells Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Chalice Lighting Julia Audlehelm

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 *Valse Sentimentale, Op. 50, No. 13*, by F. Schubert Aura Strohschein

Time for All Ages Jessica Zimmer

Hymn #61 *Lo the Earth Awakes Again*

Offering *Ubi Caritas*, Plainsong, Mode VI, arr. Chris de Silva Mason Montuoro, tenor
(Today's Offerings Benefit Domestic Violence Intervention Program)

Meditation Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Meditative Music *Hallelujah!*, by Leonard Cohen Aura Strohschein

Reading *Life Calls Us Out of the Tomb*, by Lisa Doege Julia Audlehelm

Message

Rising

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Hymn

#270 *O Day of Light and Gladness*

Extinguishing
the Chalice

Julia Audlehelm

*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

Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **COVID-19 Information:** UUS is closed as a preemptive measure against COVID-19 until at least May 8th. The building is locked and all staff are working remotely as much as possible. 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. Meeting ID: 422 482 660 (if requested, the password is 006311). 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.
- **Hospitality Volunteers Needed:** Welcoming and radical hospitality are central to the Unitarian Universalist Society. During this time of physical distancing, these key ministries need to be carried out differently than before. UUS is in need of Sunday morning Zoom & Powerpoint volunteers. This will be especially true for the two Sundays of your Candidating Week when you meet your ministerial candidate – April 26th and May 3rd. Anyone with basic Zoom skills is qualified! In other words, if you have been able to log onto Sunday services, you are qualified. And, training is available. Your amazing Congregational Administrator has put together descriptions and easy to follow instructions for what is needed. Won't you please consider being part of offering hospitality via Zoom? If you are willing to help, email a member of staff and we'll get you equipped with the training you need. These are challenging times. The bonds of community are as strong as ever at UUS.

- **Announcement From the Ministerial Search Committee:** We are very excited to announce that we have a candidate. Once the background check is complete and the contract is finalized, we can announce their name. Tentative plans call for a 10-day candidating week to begin on Wednesday, April 22nd with Sunday services on April 26th and May 3rd, and a congregational vote after the 2nd service. Candidating week will be online (lots of Zoom meetings) and lots of details to be worked out. Stay tuned.
- **Virtual Preparation for Membership Class, April 21st:** We have a Preparation for Membership Class scheduled for 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21st. We will plan to have that class virtually on Zoom. This class is one of the steps towards membership at UUS. Anyone who is considering joining UUS in the near future is welcome to attend. Rev. Diane, a board member, a Membership Associate, a Stewardship representative, and myself will all be “there” to share info about the meaning of membership, voting, and more about how our congregation works. Please contact Peggy Garrigues (dcl@uusic.org) if you have questions about the class or other steps toward membership.
- **New Zoom Requirements for Sundays: Passwords, and Waiting Rooms:** Many of you had issues accessing the service this past Sunday, due to a last-minute Zoom update which added a password requirement to join the meeting. We sincerely apologize for the confusion. For now, we will continue to post the password-free Zoom on our webpage, to ensure that all legitimate members, friends, and visitors are able to join (if you call in or use an old link, the password will remain 006311). In the absence of password-protection for our meetings, we are going to try enabling a waiting room as a way of weeding out any illegitimate participants. When you follow the link to join the service this Sunday, you will be added to a waiting room instead of the actual meeting. A service leader will add you to the meeting as soon as it’s clear that you are not a Zoombomber. They may say hello and chat with you first to gauge your relationship with UUS, or may approve you immediately on recognizing your name or face. Hopefully this will prevent Zoombombers from entering our meeting, while still allowing visitors and newcomers to participate in our services. Please let us know if you have any questions about the Zoom updates or our new procedures. And thank you to everyone for your understanding and patience as we respond to new issues and work to keep our services safe and inclusive for everyone.

