

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

April 26th, 2020



Welcome

Peggy Garrigues, Director of
Congregational Life

Call to Gather

On the Brink, by Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Rev. Diana Smith,
UUS Ministerial Candidate

Chalice Lighting

Diane Martin, Worship Associate

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

Prelude op. 87, no. 2, by Dianne Goolkasian Rahbee

Aura Strohschein,
UUS Accompanist

Time for All Ages

Strength in Unity, by Faye Mogensen,
as told by Rev. Diana Smith

Rev. Diana Smith

Hymn

#1015 *I Know I Can*

Offering

Can You Feel the Love Tonight, by Elton John
**(Today's Offerings Benefit
Domestic Violence Intervention Program)**

Mason Montuoro, tenor

Reading

Insomnia and the Seven Steps to Grace, by Joy Harjo

Diane Martin

Reading

New Moon, by Ted Kooser

Rev. Diana Smith

Meditation

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Meditative Music	<i>Simple Gifts</i> , arr. by Mark Hayes	Aura Strohschein
Message	Finding A Dry Spot In a Thunderstorm	Rev. Diana Smith
Hymn	#131 <i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	
Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>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.</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Diana Smith
Traveling Music	<i>I Know I Can</i> , Reprise	Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Weaving the Threads Project for May 3rd Service:** What thread of UUS's past do you want or need to bring into the future, and what is your hope for UUS's future? You are invited to share your answers to both these questions by writing them on a piece of fabric or a ribbon (fabric and ribbons should be no wider than 1 1/2", no longer than 12", and no shorter than 3") and dropping them off in the marked box in UUS's vestibule by Monday, April 27th. The ribbons will be mailed to Rev. Diana to be incorporated into a weaving for our May 3rd service. While dropping off ribbons, please keep up physical distancing and safety practices. Answers can also be emailed to Jessica, education@uusic.org, by end of day Thursday, April 30th.
- **Congregational Meeting, May 3rd:** A special Congregational Meeting will follow the service on Sunday, May 3rd. The purpose is to vote to call Rev. Diana Smith as our next settled minister. Voting instructions have been sent to eligible members and the agenda can be found in our May newsletter.
- **Sunday Virtual AV Volunteers:** We are looking for AV volunteers for our virtual Sunday services, to act as host of the Zoom meeting and to run the PowerPoint. Both tasks are relatively simple and require only basic knowledge of Zoom or PowerPoint. The staff are willing to walk volunteers through the process beforehand, and a regular pre-service run-through each Sunday helps make sure everyone on the worship team is ready and on the same page. If you are interested, contact Emma Barnum at admin@uusic.org.

- **UUS Faithify Campaign to Benefit Chico Mendez:** At Faithify, the UU crowd-sourcing site, UUS members have launched a fundraiser to benefit the Chico Mendes Reforestation Project in Pachaj, Guatemala. Nine international volunteer groups canceled due to COVID-19, and the community of Pachaj found itself without income for the Project workers, homestay families, and Spanish teachers. Here is a link to read more about the project and to donate: <https://faithify.org/projects/guatemala-reforestation/>.
- **Socially Distance With the Deer, Groundhogs, and Garlic Mustard in Our Woodlands:** Get out of the house and mingle with the deer and groundhogs while pulling invasive GARLIC MUSTARD in the UUS woods. Come out on your own as individuals or with your COVID partner and enjoy the woodlands while taking care of our property. Bags for collection are outside the RE backdoor. For more information, see last week's April 15th Weekly Update under News and Opportunities, or contact Tom McMurray (tmcurray@mchsi.com) or Mary McMurray (319-331-5540). Let us know if you go out, so we can keep track of our volunteers.
- **Multi-age Bridging Recognition for School Transitions, May 17th:** Every year we recognize our graduating Sr. High Youth with a bridging ritual both to honor their transition to emerging adults and to offer our blessing for wherever their journeys take them next. We are also aware that with area schools officially closed for the remainder of the year many school transitions will not be honored as they normally would. So this year we are going to extend our bridging ritual to celebrate all the major school transitions. If you have a preschooler that will be advancing to kindergarten; an elementary student advancing to Jr. High; a Jr. High student that will be transitioning to Sr. High; a graduating Sr. High youth; and/or any of their home school equivalents and would like to participate in this ritual of recognition and blessing in our Sunday Service on May 17th, please let me know. We are still working out how bridging will look in an online space if we are still closed that Sunday, but in the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions.
- **Congregational Meeting, May 17th:** The annual May Congregational Meeting will follow the service on Sunday, May 17th. We will vote on nominees for elected positions for the upcoming year and also on a new Right Relations Agreement. Check the May newsletter and upcoming publications for more information.