

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

May 3rd, 2020



Welcome

Peggy Garrigues,
Director of Congregational Life

Call to Gather

Rev. Diana Smith,
UUS Ministerial Candidate

Chalice Lighting

Margaret Kinsman,
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

Valse Lente from Coppelia, by Leo Delibes

Aura Strohschein,
UUS Accompanist

Reading

Separation, by W.S. Merwin

Margaret Kinsman

Time for All Ages

The Keeping Quilt, by Patricia Polacco

Jessica Zimmer,
Director of Religious Education

Hymn

#22 *Dear Weaver of Our Lives Design*

Threads of Memory and
Threads of Hope

Rev. Diana Smith

So Far Away, by Carole King

Aura Strohschein

Offering

Rise Up, by C. M. Batie & J. Decilveo
(Today's Offerings Benefit Table to Table)

Audrey Adamson, soprano

Meditation		Rev. Diana Smith
Meditative Music	<i>Moment Musical</i> , by Deryl Hancock	Aura Strohschein
Message	Weaving the Threads	Rev. Diana Smith
Hymn	<i>#1008, When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place</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>	Margaret Kinsman
Benediction		
Traveling Music	<i>My Heart Is In A Holy Place Reprise</i>	Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting, today:** A special Congregational Meeting will follow the service today, May 3rd at 11 am. 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@uuspic.org.
- **Are You Looking for More Small Group Connections at UUS?** Over the past two years, we have now had two groups that have used the basic UU Wellspring curriculum that focuses on the Six Sources of our UU Living Tradition. We will be looking to start a new group of 7-12 people in the Fall of 2020. The program can work well either via Zoom or in person. It meets twice a month and does involve some reading and preparation between sessions. For more information, Contact Peggy Garrigues at dcl@uuspic.org.

- **Help Still Needed to Pull Garlic Mustard:** Garlic mustard is an invasive non-native plant that will spread through woodland and destroy the natural habitat. Clusters of the garlic mustard can be found in the wooded areas to the south and east of our building, and in the wooded bank parcel in the northeast corner of our property. The plants are in bloom now and we are trying to pull them before they go to seed. Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped in the past weeks. There will be empty mulch sacks to use by the RE door on the south side of the building or you can bring your own bags. Remove the entire plant, including the J-shaped taproot by pulling gently but firmly where the green plant joins the root. The pulled garlic mustard can be disposed of by taking it to the City of Coralville's Garlic Mustard Dumpster located where 10th Street dead ends. If you live in Iowa City, you can take your pulled garlic mustard home and put it in your yard waste to be picked up by the city. Otherwise, leave your bags by the RE door for Tom and Mary McMurray to pick up. Contact Tom and Mary at 331-5541, 331-5540.
- **Masks Available:** UUS friend Sue Kann is sewing masks. Please contact her at kann.sue@gmail.com if you, your family, friends, or coworkers need masks. Sue would be delighted to give you any number of masks you need. Delivery is available if needed.
- **Flowers for Flower Communion, May 10th:** Even though we will not be having our annual Flower Communion in person, you are invited to bring a flower to UUS to be incorporated in our virtual communion. Between Friday, May 8th, at 12 pm and Saturday, May 9th at 5 pm, flowers can be dropped off in the marked containers in UUS's vestibule. While dropping off flowers, please keep up physical distancing and safety practices.
- **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.