

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

May 10th, 2020



Where flowers bloom, so does hope. —Lady Bird Johnson

Welcome

Peggy Garrigues,
Director of Congregational Life

Call to Gather

Untitled, by Alice Berry

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Chalice Lighting

Susan Salterberg,
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

Twilight, by Margaret Ruthven Lang
Part 1, *Prelude*

Aura Strohschein,
UUS Accompanist

Time for All Ages

Adapted from *The Flower Ceremony*,
A Plain and Simple Beauty

Jessica Zimmer,
Director of Religious Education

Hymn

#21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Jim Laughlin

Offering

You Raise Me Up
(Today's Offerings Benefit Table to Table)

Mason Montuoro, tenor

Reading

Mothers Day, by Stefan Jonassen

Susan Salterberg

Meditation

Honoring the Bouquet of Our Mothers,
by Judy Welles

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Meditative Music	<i>Twilight</i> , by Margaret Ruthven Lang Part 2, <i>Meditation</i>	Aura Strohschein
Flower Communion		Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Hymn	#346 <i>Come Sing a Song With Me</i>	Jim Laughlin
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>	Susan Salterberg
Benediction		Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Traveling Music	<i>Sing a Song Reprise</i>	Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Final Vote Data from May 3rd:** When the voter registration was printed for the record of the May 3rd Congregational Meeting to call Rev. Diana Smith as our settled minister, the tally registered 4 total abstentions that were not visible on the vote result page. In addition, there were 2 absentee ballots that arrived at the church in time but were in pledge envelopes. They were “yes” votes. All of this did not affect the affirmed result. The total is 243 Yes, 1 No, and 4 Abstain.
- **Weekly President Zoom Chat, May 7th:** Starting May 7th, join Board President Amy Fretz weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 pm to talk more about governance, board work that is happening, or just to socialize! These meetings will be casual and a time to share and have open communication. (Join Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID 992 4487 9282, or call in to 312-626-6799)
- **Faithify Campaign Update:** The Faithify fundraiser for Chico Mendes Reforestation Project has reached the goal of \$3000! Armando, the director is now hiring local workers to plant trees in anticipation of your generosity. Thank you! The Faithify account is still open, and because the need is so great, please donate if you haven’t already. Here is the link: <https://faithify.org/projects/guatemala-reforestation/>. Check out the great pictures of UUs on the job in Guatemala and read about the Project!

- **From Your Interim Minister, Rev. Diane Dowgiert:** Congratulations on calling Rev. Diana Smith as your next minister! I want to thank the Ministerial Search Committee for their commitment, dedication, and hard work. It all paid off in finding a good match who will serve your congregation well. She joins a long heritage of ministers to serve UUS over your 180-year history. I look forward to seeing your shared ministry unfold in the years to come. It has been a joy and an honor for me to serve as your Interim Minister these past two years. Be watching this space for opportunities over the next four weeks to bring our time together to a close and to say goodbye. I will always have a soft spot for you in my heart. I am truly delighted that you have called Rev. Diana as your next settled minister. I expect to hear good things coming out of UUS in the future!
- **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:** We will hold our annual May Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17th, following the service at 11 am in the same Zoom meeting as the service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on elected positions for committee terms beginning this June and to approve a new Covenant of Right Relations.