

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

May 17th, 2020

He had the vague sense of standing on a threshold, the crossing of which would change everything. —From *The Forgotten Garden*, by Kate Morton

Welcome		Mary Kathryn Wallace, Worship Associate
Call to Gather	<i>Calling</i> , by Nancy Schaffer	Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Chalice Lighting		Mary Kathryn Wallace
	<p>Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful. People: <i>We gather in community to celebrate the wonder and mystery of this great gift.</i> Leader: So let us now kindle the flame of our liberal religious heritage and renew our covenant of mutual love and care: People: <i>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.</i></p>	
Prelude	<i>Free Improvisation</i>	Aura Strohschein, UUS Accompanist
Time for All Ages		Jessica Zimmer, Director of Religious Education
Hymn	<i>#123 Spirit of Life</i>	Gloria Corbin, Music Director
Offering	<i>The Circle Game</i> , by Joni Mitchell (Today's Offerings Benefit Table to Table)	Audrey and Carol Adamson
Meditation		Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Meditative Music	<i>Free Improvisation</i>	Aura Strohschein

Reflection	Crossing the Threshold	Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Ritual		Jessica Zimmer
Reading	<i>We Wish for You</i> , by Robert Kaufman	
Hymn	#118 <i>This Little Light of Mine</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>	Mary Kathryn Wallace
Benediction		Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Traveling Music		Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting, today:** We will hold our annual May Congregational Meeting today, 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.
- **Annual Report:** The 2019/2020 Annual Report is complete. A PDF version of it was sent out to email subscribers on Friday. It will also be posted on our website. Hard copies will be available to pick up over the weekend from our front vestibule (please observe social distancing and sanitizing procedures if you come to pick one up). We are trying to keep postage costs down as much as possible, but if you need a copy mailed to you, let Emma Barnum know.
- **Picture Directories:** We are finally able to announce that the UUS picture directories have arrived! There were delays because LifeTouch had fewer staff on-site for mailing, and our directories also made an unexpected detour to a church in Maryland before they reached us! Everyone who either had a photo taken or submitted a photo of their own or requested that we include their photo from the previous directory will receive a copy at no additional charge. If you can't remember whether you submitted a photo, contact Peggy at dcl@uusic.org. We will

leave the directories out in the entryway for anyone who is able to pick them up. Please note that there is a label with your last name on the back of each directory, and they are organized alphabetically. Please make sure you only pick up your directory, and if your household has more than one last name, you might need to check both names. We will have a list to check off your name once you have picked up your directory. If you will not be able to pick up your directory, or you really do not want it left out in the entryway, please contact Peggy to let us know that you want it to be mailed to you. It will cost \$2.80 for each directory that we mail, so consider adding a little to your next donation to cover postage. We also have limited numbers of extra directories that are available for purchase. They will be available first-come, first-serve at a cost of \$10 if you are willing to pick it up in the UUS entryway, or \$12.80 if you would like it mailed to you. To order a directory that you will pay for, contact Peggy at dcl@uusic.org.

- **Mason Montuoro Graduation:** Our tenor section leader and soloist, Mason Montuoro, was to have sung his Master's Recital on April 24th. The coronavirus kept this from happening. In an effort to celebrate the completion of his Master of Arts in Voice Performance, we can enjoy the videos of him singing on YouTube. Mason sang the role of Ferrando in the opera *Così fan tutte*, by W. A. Mozart. You can also watch Mason in three additional recital videos on his YouTube Page. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/masonmontuoro>. Mason was looking forward to beginning his professional singing career after graduation. All of his performance contracts were canceled (at least for now). He will be staying in Iowa City for the present and has accepted a position with Hills Bank. When we get back to normal he is willing to sing with UUS again. We wish Mason the best and value his time with us. His presence as our tenor section leader and soloist helped propel the UUS Adult Choir to the next level. You are in our hearts, thank you, Mason.