

Unitarian Universalist Society

Order of Service

May 31st, 2020



Welcome

Peggy Garrigues,
Director of Congregational Life

Call to Gather

Dan Gall

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

Suite No. 1 in G Major, Prelude,
by J.S. Bach, arr. Andy Schmidt

Aura Strohschein,
UUS Accompanist

Time for All Ages

Jessica Zimmer,
Director of
Religious Education

Opening Hymn

#131 Love Will Guide Us

Gerry Pearson

Offering

*Prelude Op. 115, No. 3 "A Garden of Fragile Flowers
with Deep Roots,"* by Dianne Goolkasian Rahbee
(Today's Offerings Benefit Table to Table)

Aura Strohschein

Meditation

Marsha Cheyney

Meditation Music

Spirit of Life

Aura Strohschein

Reading		Margaret Kinsman
Message		The UUS Racial Justice Team
Closing Hymn	<i>#100 I've Got Peace Like a River</i>	Gloria Corbin, Music Director
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		Dan Gall
Traveling Music	<i>I've Got Peace Like a River</i>	Aura Strohschein



Have UU Heard? Congregational Announcements

- **Remember to Pick Up Your UUS Picture Directory!** If your picture is in the new UUS Picture Directory, and you have not already picked up your copy, there should be a copy with your name on it in the UUS entryway, which is open 24 hours a day. If you have questions or would like to have a directory mailed to you, contact Peggy at dcl@uusic.org.
- **UU Wellspring: Info Sessions for 2020-21 Group:** This coming year we will once again offer UU Wellspring, a program for those who want to deepen their spiritual practices and expand their understanding of UU values. UU Wellspring incorporates five elements designed to balance a knowledge of UU history/ theology with personal spiritual practice and engagement with the world: 1. A commitment to daily spiritual practice; 2. Participation in a small-group community; 3. Individual work with a spiritual director; 4. Readings and resources for knowledge and reflection; and 5. Reflection and commitment to live out our values in the world. The program will begin with a Saturday retreat or virtual retreat in September, then meet (either by Zoom or in-person when safe) for two hours every two weeks, most likely on a Monday or Tuesday, from September through June. There will be articles to read and/or

video clips to watch before each session. We will offer information sessions in a breakout room after the Sunday services, on Sunday, May 31st, and Sunday, June 14th, and also an evening Zoom session on Monday, June 1st, at 7 pm. To learn more about Wellspring, contact Peggy Garrigues (dcl@uusic.org) with questions.

- **Drive-by Bye-bye for Rev. Diane, June 5th:** Come one, come all on Friday, June 5th, at 7 pm for a Drive-By Bye-Bye for Rev. Diane. Her last service with us will be on Sunday, June 7th, so please come and say goodbye to Rev. Diane and wish her well as she prepares for her next adventure. Please bring yourself and family to the church via Oakdale Road from the south, gather in the Oakdale parking lot so we don't block the street for too long and can start in an orderly fashion, then leave after greeting Rev. Diane from your car, turn right out of the parking lot to head to Oakdale Blvd. Signs or decorations for your car will add to the festivities! If you'd like, please write a note or card for Rev. Diane. We will bring baskets to your car window to collect them for her. HONKS, NOT HUGS! You will not be allowed to leave your car and masks are suggested. The parade will proceed slowly past through the parking lot, but stops to greet Rev. Diane will be very brief. The rain date for this event is Saturday, June 6th, at 7 pm.
- **Consider "Attending" National UU Virtual General Assembly, June 24th-28th:** UU General Assembly can be a wonderful experience of gathering together with UUs from around the US, and around the world! Usually, several thousand UUs gather together at once for amazing music and worship, workshops of all kinds, meeting UUs from many places, and learning about the many programs and social justice projects of UUs around the country and the world. This year, the General Assembly (GA) will be fully virtual, so no one will be gathering in person. There are virtual events planned to begin at 2 pm Central time on Wednesday, June 24th, through the Closing Celebration on Sunday, June 28th, which finishes at 6 pm. Worship celebrations and the Ware Lecture are always inspiring highlights. Naomi Klein, an award-winning journalist, author, and climate activist will be the Ware Lecturer this year. Virtual registration is \$150 per person and does not involve any transportation or lodging, so this is a wonderful opportunity to have a glimpse of what GA is like for a fraction of the usual cost. (If you have some tech skills, and are willing to volunteer to help, your registration would even be free!) For General Assembly, UUS will get to have six official delegates. If you would like to consider attending virtually as an official delegate, let Peggy know (dcl@uusic.org), and she will pass your name along to the board. Learn more about GA at www.uua.org/ga. If it sounds interesting, but not for this year, General Assembly next year will be held (hopefully in person!) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!