



Earth Day

Sunday Service with Rev. Leslie Mills and
the UU Social & Environmental Justice Team

APRIL 18, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC STLT #38 "Morning Has Broken"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVENANT

CHALICE LIGHTING A Flame to Light Our Path by Debra Burrell

Fire consumes, and casts a bright light.

May our chalice flame consume our regrets for the past,
our fears about the future, and our worries about today.

May it light for us a path of joy and peace.

OPENING SONG "The Web of Life" Tune: Theme from the 9th Symphony, L. v Beethoven.
Lyrics by Bruce Callander. Recorded by UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Carolyn Udell, piano.

OPENING WORDS

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TIME FOR ALL AGES "Earthrise" by Amanda Gorman

READING This Earth Day, by Sean Dennison

REFLECTIONS with Rev. Leslie and the Social & Environmental Justice Team

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Song of Gratitude" written and played by Dave Rowe

CLOSING WORDS "Bring Happiness" by Barbara Cheatham

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CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

CLOSING SONG STJ #1064 "Blue Boat Home" Lyrics by Peter Mayer. Music: "Hyfrydol" by Roland Huw Prichard. Video created by Paul Thompson, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, Moscow, Idaho.

Join us next week 4/25 for Sunday Service | 10 am on Zoom

"Practicing a Life" with Rev. Kevin W Jagoe

Mindfulness, contemplation, meditation, and prayer are all words to name ways we might practice living more intentionally. We will explore multiple practices as well as the ways in which many practices may point us toward how to better listen to our lives and to one another, no matter what we call these practices.

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG STJ 1009 "Meditation on Breathing" Words & music by Sarah Dan Jones. Performed by Mary Pratt and Rev. Jim Magaw, UU Church of the South Hills, Pittsburgh.

STORY FOR ALL AGES "Being Kinder to Yourself"

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READINGS

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION STJ 1031 "Filled with Loving Kindness" (based on a traditional Buddhist meditation) Recorded by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Carolyn Udell, piano. Felix Koch, trombone.

ADDRESS "Commitment to Our Earth" with Laura Solomon

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CLOSING SONG STJ 1012 "When I Am Frightened" Video by the Minnesota Valley UU.

CLOSING WORDS Bring Happiness by Barbara Cheatham

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GATHERING MUSIC 40 "Morning Hangs a Signal" by William Groth. Carol Mathieson, piano.

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OPENING SONG 361 "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" by Louis Ruspini. Sung by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Betsy Knowles, banjo.

OPENING WORDS 625 "An Eye for Miracles," by Diego Valeri

STORY FOR ALL AGES with Delena Leon, Youth RE Director

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READING excerpts by Henry David Thoreau from *True Harvest*, compiled by Barry Andrews

REFLECTION by Joyce Rupp, *Fresh Bread*

INTERLUDE 38 "Morning has Broken" based on traditional Scottish Gaelic tune, "Bunessan." Betsy Knowles, violin; Rita Koch-Thometz, flute; Carolyn Udell, piano.

SERMON "Becoming Hope" with Rev. Leslie Mills

MUSICAL MEDITATION 21 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Words by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint. Music by Conrad Kocher. Recorded by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Betsy Knowles, violin. Carolyn Udell, piano.

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CLOSING SONG "As You Go On Your Way" Words and music by Amanda Udis-Kessler. Ken Janzen, voice and piano.

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STORY FOR ALL AGES The Keeper of Wild Words by Brooke Smith, read by Laura Solomon

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READING Remember by Joy Harjo

ADDRESS "Commitment to Our Earth" with Laura Solomon

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CLOSING SONG "Children's Blessing" Words and music by the First UU National Youth Choir. Sung by Kristina Darnell Mathieson. Carol Mathieson, accompanist.

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GATHERING MUSIC "Gather the Spirit" (#347) by Jim Scott

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OPENING WORDS The Task at Hand by Rev. Betty Jo Middleton

OPENING SONG "Spirit of Life" by Carolyn McDade. Recorded by All Souls Church Unitarian (Washington DC) <https://tinyurl.com/h8ws7buc>

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG "Break Not the Circle" (323) words by Fred Kaan. Music by Thomas Benjamin. Recorded by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Nancy Matchett, piano.

STORY FOR ALL AGES "The Cleaning Lady" by Joanne Jones

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READING A Song for Occupations by Walt Whitman

ADDRESS "To Whom Do We Owe Respect" with Rick Kyte

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“Jump Up and Live” with Rev. Leslie Mills

Spring is here! Let us find joy in the new life stirring around us, giving us encouragement after a long winter hibernation (that has lasted, perhaps, more than a single season). Together we will celebrate all the ways that the earth is calling us to jump up and live again.

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OPENING SONG "Woyaya" (#1020) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn9qH6zlvcc>

OPENING WORDS "To See It" by Laura Foley

VIDEO REFLECTION "The Playful Universe" by Allan Watts

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CHORAL SELECTION “For All That is Our Life” (#128) recorded by Jess Huetteman

READING from “Intimacy or Integrity,” by Thomas P. Kasulis

INTERLUDE "What If Love" by Peter Mayer

SERMON “On Being Human” with Rev. Leslie Mills

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Claire de Lune" played on the Porter Twin Music Box

CLOSING WORDS “Bring Happiness” by Barbara Cheatham

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"To Whom Do We Owe Respect" with Rick Kyte

Do we have a moral obligation to be respectful toward everyone, or just to those who agree to be respectful in return?

What about those who are not only disrespectful, but who are violent, racist, and bigoted? And what does it mean to show respect, anyway?

Does it just mean speaking with civility, or is there more to it? Can I detest someone but still respect them?

"To Whom Do We Owe Respect" with Rick Kyte 10am | March 14, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC "Metamorphosis" by Philip Glass, recorded by Dr. Carol Rhodes.

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CHALICE LIGHTING The Hearth of the Chalice by Bear W Qolezcua

As we light this chalice may our souls become its hearth.

We join hearts to the one great flame of bright compassion,

Beloved Community, and fervent justice.

May we become lanterns to the world,

Lighting the way for all.

OPENING WORDS Matthew 25: 34-40

OPENING SONG "Cuando el Pobre" ("When the Poor Ones") recorded by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Carolyn Udell, accompanist.

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STORY FOR ALL AGES "Climate Change Song (The Time is Now)" onemoresong.co.uk/

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READING Quotes from Mary Robinson and Secretary-General António Guterres

ADDRESS "All in for Climate Justice: People, Power, Planet" with Eric Kraemer

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CLOSING SONG "We Would Be One" recorded by members of the UU La Crosse Virtual Choir. Dr. Carol Rhodes, accompanist.

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.

We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.

As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

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