



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Who Cares About Article II?

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Paula Gribble, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

John Herrick, Director of Music

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns
within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can
begin.

by Mary Katherine Morn

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Opening Music

Draw the Circle Wide

words by Gordon Light

music by Mark A. Miller

Adult Choir

John Herrick, Director of Music

Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Wake, Now, My Senses

words by Thomas J. Mikelson

Traditional Irish Melody

*Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.*

*Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.*

*Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.*

*Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.*

*Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.*

Chalice Lighting **The Way It Is**

by William Stafford

Chorus *Spirit of Life* [Gray 123]

by Carolyn McDade

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Reading

Let the Center Hold

by Joe Cherry

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Musical Interlude *Change*

by Charlie Puth
John Herrick, piano

Reading

A Letter From Unitarian Universalism
Paula Gribble, DLRE

Congregational Song *Filled with Loving Kindness* [Teal 1031]
Traditional Buddhist Meditation
adapted by Mark W. Hayes
music by Ian W. Riddel

*May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.*

*May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be peaceful and at ease.
May you be whole.*

*May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be peaceful and at ease.
May we be whole.*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Sermon

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Musical Offering

Psalm of Life

words by Mattie J. T. Stepanek

music by Craig Hella Johnson

Adult Choir

John Herrick, director

Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Offering Words

Offering Music

A New Hope

by William Joseph

John Herrick, piano

Concerns of the Congregation

Meditation

Closing Song

The Fire of Commitment [Teal 1028]

words by Mary Katherine Morn
music by Jason Shelton

*From the light of days remembered
burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits
Into faith set free from fear.
When the fire of commitment
sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion
meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance
of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment
and our future can begin.*

*From the stories of our living
rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness
to the life of liberty.
When the fire of commitment
sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion
meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance
of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment
and our future can begin.*

*From the dreams of youthful vision
comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice
built by our courageous choice
When the fire of commitment
sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion
meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance
of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment
and our future can begin.*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

Toccata

by Gordon Young
John Herrick, organ

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- Director of Lifespan Religious Education Paula Gribble will present her credo during **Credo: a Personal Spiritual Journey**, today, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. after coffee hour in person in the Bernstein Room and via Zoom.
- Are you following along for our Sunday Schedule online? Easily access information about and links to our Sunday programming for children, youth, and adults, including classes, our Sunday service, and social opportunities in *Currents*.

- The Board of Trustees has voted unanimously on agreement to state pronouns. The practice of stating one's pronouns as part of self-introduction has become a norm in many progressive spaces. Learn more about the reasons behind this decision in *Currents*.
- **Memorial Endowment Trust (MET) Grant Season is officially open!** Each year, the MET of the Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte requests applications from groups and Teams within the UUCC for worthy projects. The Trustees invite recognized UUCC Teams and groups to apply for projects that meet the grant program's guidelines.
- **JOIN US** for a magical evening with the music duo **Four Shillings Short!** **Saturday February 17, 7-9 p.m.** **Aodh Og O'Tuama and Christy Martin** perform traditional music from around the world, along with original compositions. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, children free.
- Working with the UUCC staff and Board of Trustees, the **Minister Search Team** has announced that the eight days from **April 28 to May 5, 2024, will be Candidating Week**, the time when the Search Team introduces the minister candidate to our UU Community. The week will culminate with the Sunday service on May 5, followed by a special congregational meeting to vote on the official call to ministry.



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Welcome visitors! We're glad you found us and hope you will spend some time getting to know us better. If you want to learn more about the UUC, please visit our website and/or email Director of Member Relations Kelly Greene.

We are delighted to be building a truly multigenerational community, and we know this is a new experience for many. Please be considerate of others in the Sanctuary. If your child needs a break but you wish to still hear the service, you are invited to visit our alternative worship space in the Bernstein Room. Additionally, childcare is always available in the nursery during shared worship times. If your child isn't able to be in the service for long, please keep trying as they grow! It is a blessing to have them here

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