



Unitarian Universalist
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday Rolling Away the Stone

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister
Paula Gribble, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Fiona Stout, Tessa William, Zio Johnson, Kai Hendler
John Herrick, Director of Music

Grateful for the darkness that has nourished us, we push away the stone and invite the light to awaken us to the possibilities for new life in ourselves and our world.

Sarah York

Order of Service

Opening Music

Jupiter (from *The Planets*)

by Gustav Holst
Lee Martinec, trumpet
Paul Wilson, french horn
John Burns, euphonium

Opening Words

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Call to Worship

*Opening Song

O Day of Light and Gladness [Gray 270]
words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer
music by Henry Smart

*O day of light and gladness,
of prophecy and song,
what thoughts within us waken,
what hallowed mem'ries throng!
The soul's horizon widens,
past, present, future blend;
and rises on our vision
the life that has no end.*

Reading

“At the Gate”, from Holy Week Triptych
by Molly Housh Gordon
Kai Hendler

Time for All Ages

Paula Gribble, DLRE

***Congregational Song** *Now the Green Blade Riseth* [Gray 266]
words by John MacLeod Campbell Crum
french carol

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Love's touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Reading

“At the Cross” from Holy Week Triptych
by Molly Housh Gordon

Concerns of the Community

Silence

Sung Response

There is a Love

words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker
music by Elizabeth Norton

*There is a Love holding me.
There is a Love holding all that I love.
There is a Love holding all.
I rest in this Love.*

*There is a Love holding us.
There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all.
We rest in this Love.*

Reading

“At the Tomb”, from Holy Week Triptych
by Molly Housh Gordon
Zio Johnson

Musical Offering

Still, Still with Thee

words by Harriet Beecher Stowe
music by Fred Gramann
Adult Choir
John Herrick, director
Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Body and Heart Moment

Offering Words

Offertory

My Lord, What a Morning

African American Spiritual
arr. by Calvin Taylor

Reading

“Rolling Away the Stone” by Sarah York

Reflection

***Congregational Song *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* [Gray 268]**
words by Charles Wesley
music by Lyra Davidica

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Hearts are strong, and voices sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
As he died his truth to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Living out the words he said, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Extinguishing the Chalice “We Extinguish This Flame”
[Gray 456]

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Music *Bouree* (from *Water Music*) by G.F. Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- **All ages are invited to join us outside following the service in the parking lot near Playground 2 for Easter festivities. We will have 2 hunts (1 for older and 1 for younger hunters) and several games there. Bring a basket or bag if you have one.**
- **Join Rev. Fred Small on April 7 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. for a reading and signing of his book *Everything Possible*. Check *Currents* for sign up.**
- **Check out our UUCC Sunday Schedule on *Currents*. Easily access information about and links to our Sunday programming for children, youth, and adults, including classes, our Sunday service, and social opportunities.**
- **On Saturday, April 6, from 9-11:30 a.m., join members of the UUCC Building & Grounds Team for our annual Spring Workday aimed at sprucing up the UUCC property for the start of spring.**
- **Your intersectional justice team is delighted to announce that April's Share the Plate recipient is UU the Vote.**
- **Volunteers Needed! Welcoming visitors? Serving on a leadership team? Caring for the building? How will you serve? Update your Access UUCC profile and let us know your interests and skills.**



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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 UUCC, 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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