



Unitarian Universalist
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Songs of Peace

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister
Susan Cox, Lay Service Leader
John Herrick, Director of Music

When I say, *go in peace*, I mean “Go in the peace that is created when, together, we build communities of true solidarity, deep compassion, and fierce, unrelenting love.”

Jim McGaw

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Opening Music

Gabriel's Oboe

by Ennio Morricone
Kathy Allen, oboe
John Herrick, organ

Amani (Peace)

by Audrey Snyder
Adult Choir
John Herrick, director
Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist
John Burns, djembe

Call to Worship

A Holy Alchemy

by Kim Mason

*Opening Song

Building a New Way [Teal 1017]

by Martha Sandefer

*We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.*

*We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.*

*Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.*

***Chalice Lighting** **On the Brink** **by Leslie Takahashi**
Susan Cox, Lay Service Leader

***Chalice Lighting Chorus** *Circle 'Round for Freedom* [Gray 155]
by Linda Hirschorn

*Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle
whole.*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Reading

Summons

by Aurora Levins Morales

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Children

by Kurt Nestor
arr. by Andrea Klouse

Moment of Silence

Musical Meditation

Sleep, My Child

Welsh Melody
Handbell Ensemble
John Herrick, flute

Reading

Sadako and the Paper Cranes

by J. Reese Norris

***Congregational Song**

Sakura (Cherry Blooms) [Gray 177]

words by William Wolff
Japanese Folk Song
John Burns, penny whistle

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Cherry blooms, cherry blooms,
pink profusion everywhere,
like a mist of gossamer rain
cherry blossoms fill the air,
covering Hiroshima's plain.
Come and see, spring is here,
it will not long remain.
Cherry blooms, cherry blooms,
when we die as we surely must,
why not under yonder tree?
And when we return to dust,
falling flowers our wreaths will be.
Come and see, come and see,
the fine Hiroshima tree.*

Musical Offering *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Brian Tate
Soprano and Alto Ensemble

Reading *When Peace Become Obnoxious (excerpt)*
from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Musical Offering *Peace Song* by Greg Gilpin
Tenor and Bass Ensemble
Dale Allen, soloist

Reading If There is to be Peace by Lao Tze

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Musical Offering *Deep Peace* by Elaine Hagenberg

Offering Words

Offering Music *Calming Peace* by Cathy Moglebust

Concerns of the Congregation

Meditation Eclipse by Ebey Alex

***Closing Song** *For the Earth Forever Turning* [Gray 163]
by Kim Oler

*For the earth forever turning;
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*For the mountains, hills,
and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens,
sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to Thee.*

*For the world we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home
to our bluegreen hills of earth.*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Go In Peace, Seeking Justice

by Jim Magaw

Closing Music

Creation of Peace

by Barbara Hope and Mark Miller

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- **Please join us for coffee and conversation in Freeman Hall immediately following the service. Contact Kelly Greene if you would like to volunteer as a coffee server.**
- **For the ongoing opportunities to discuss the changes to the UUA bylaws, known as “Article II,” we will have our session today, after service, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Bernstein Room. We hope many of you will join us! This session will be centered around three of the values (Pluralism, Transformation, and Interdependence).**
- **Today, Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m., MeckMin (the Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network) will hold its annual Youth Interfaith Panel, held at Myers Park United Methodist Church, on 1501 Queens Road. This year the panel will include UUCC’s own Sr. Youth member Dylan Lauderbaugh! Come out and support Dylan and hear the other Youth panelists from different Faiths.**
- **The Minister Search Team has developed a schedule of events for Candidating Week, April 28 - May 5, intended to give members multiple opportunities to hear from and interact with Rev. Amanda ahead of the congregational vote on May 5. Check out our *Currents* article to see the full schedule of events for Candidating Week.**
- **Beyond the Binary, Coming on April 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. is our first collaborative, multi-site, justice-making event happening throughout the Southern Region! Join us for a day of creating community with transgender, nonbinary folx, and our allies.**
- **Your intersectional justice team is delighted to announce that April's Share the Plate recipient is UU the Vote.**



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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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