



Unitarian Universalist  
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, April 21, 2024

# Community Sunday Spring

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister  
Paula Gribble, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
John Herrick, Director of Music

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving  
mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

### Opening Chime

**\*Opening Song**      *For the Beauty of the Earth*, v.1-2 [Gray 21]  
words by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint  
music by Conrad Kocher

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this,  
our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking  
sense to sound and sight:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this,  
our hymn of grateful praise.*

**\*Chalice Lighting**      As Surely as We Belong to the Universe  
by Margaret Keip

**\*Song of Intention**    *Just As Long As I Have Breath*, v. 1 [Gray 6]  
words by Alicia S. Carpenter  
music by Johann G. Ebeling

*Just as long as I have breath, I must answer,  
“Yes,” to life;  
though with pain I made my way,  
still with hope I meet each day.  
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said,  
“Yes,” to life.*

**Reading**                      A New View                      by Joanne M. Giannino

**Musical Meditation**    Lee Horsman

**Concerns of the Congregation**

**Responsive Reading**    A Prayer of Healing  
from UN Environmental Sabbath Program

*We join with the earth and with each other.*  
(repeat in response x4)

**Offering Words**

**Offering Music**            *Flower to the Sun*                            by Clif Hardin  
John Herrick, piano

**Invitation to Connect**

- **Making Decisions with the Planet in Mind**  
Greenfaith led in the Conference Room
- **Sustainable Landscaping**  
Led by the Gardening Group in Bernstein
- **Community Connectors**  
Led by Paula Gribble in Freeman Hall
- **Sound Meditation**  
Led by guest Lee Horsman in Sanctuary

**\*Closing Song**    *Earth Was Given as a Garden, v. 1 and 3*

[Gray 207]

words by Roberta Bard

music by Rowland Hugh Prichard

*Earth was given as a garden,  
cradle for humanity;  
tree of life and tree of knowledge  
placed for our discovery.  
Here was home for all your creatures  
born of land and sky and sea;  
all created in your image,  
all to live in harmony.*

*Bless the earth and all your children,  
one creation: make us whole,  
interwoven, all connected,  
planet wide and inmost soul.  
Holy mother, life bestowing,  
bid our waste and warfare cease.  
Fill us all with grace o'erflowing.  
Teach us how to live in peace.*

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

by Elizabeth Selle Jones

## Announcements, Events, and Programming

- The UUCC Search Team and Board Members will host an in person Q&A session today, after community service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary to answer any questions about the candidating process and the calling of a minister.
- 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.
- Credo presentation will be today after service, Sunday, April 21, 11:30 am in the Bernstein Room and on Zoom. Dave Warren will present his journey by highlighting a handful of “re-thinking” processes. Dave volunteers at UUCC as an usher and coffee service provider and is a member of the Ministerial Search Team and Intersectional Justice Team.
- May will be an exciting month at UUCC, and that includes many new Adult Religious Education and Spiritual Development (ARESD) Classes. This set of classes offers something for everyone: A movie watch party, a book talk with authors and UUCC members Charles Pilkey and Fred Dobson, a study of the concepts and practice of prayer, and another chance to explore religious language.
- 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 in Minister Search: What’s Next.
- 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.



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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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