



**Unitarian Universalist  
Community of Charlotte**

Sunday, April 7, 2024

# The Peace of Trees

Service Leaders:

Rev. Fred Small, Guest Minister

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

John Herrick, Director of Music

The light flows from their branches. And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say, “and you too have come into this world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine.”

from When I am Among the Trees, Mary Oliver

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

### Opening Music

*Sacred Breath*

by Dan Chadburn  
John Herrick, piano

### Call to Worship

by John Phillip Newell

### \*Opening Song

*Bright Morning Star*

Traditional Appalachian  
new verses by Fred Small

*Bright morning star arising  
Bright morning star arising  
Bright morning star arising  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*For justice and compassion  
For justice and compassion  
For justice and compassion  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

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\*Please stand in body or spirit.

*For peace in every nation  
For peace in every nation  
For peace in every nation  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*For the healing of creation  
For the healing of creation  
For the healing of creation  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*For the future of our children  
For the future of our children  
For the future of our children  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*Bright morning star arising  
Bright morning star arising  
Bright morning star arising  
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

**\*Chalice Lighting**      *My Heart is Moved by All I Cannot Save*  
by Adrienne Rich

**\*Chalice Lighting Chorus** *Be the Change*  
by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

*Be the change you want to see in the world,  
Be the change you want to see in the world,  
Be the change you want to see in the world,  
And change will come to you.*

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Be the light you want to see in the world,  
Be the light you want to see in the world,  
Be the light you want to see in the world,  
And change will come to you.*

**Time for All Ages**      “Everything Possible”      by Fred Small

*You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whoever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still  
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
You can choose one special one  
And the only measure of your words and your deeds  
Will be the love you leave behind when you're done*

**Children's Recessional**      by Ian W. Riddell

*Go in love, our hearts go with you  
Go in joy, our hopes go too  
Learn in love and grow in wisdom  
Shine your light in all you do.*

**Reading**      by Joy Harjo  
Rev. Fred Small, Guest Minister

**Congregational Song** *The Tide is Rising*  
by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter

*The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

*The task is mighty and so are we  
The task is mighty and so are we  
The task is mighty and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

*The land is holy and so are we  
The land is holy and so are we  
The land is holy and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

*The storm is raging and so are we  
The storm is raging and so are we  
The storm is raging and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

*The sun is shining and so are we  
The sun is shining and so are we  
The sun is shining and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*The world is ready and so are we  
The world is ready and so are we  
The world is ready and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

*The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be*

**Sermon**

The Peace of Trees

Rev. Fred Small

**Musical Interlude**

*Stillness*

by Dan Chadburn

**Offering Words**

**Offering Music**

*Forest Cathedral*

by David Nevue  
John Herrick, piano

# Concerns of the Congregation

Prayer

by Steve Garnass-Holmes

Meditation

\*Closing Song

*Tree of Life*

by Guy Carawan

*Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?*

*So rocky the road  
So dangerous the journey  
But we got a right  
To the tree of life  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?*

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*We come from a distance  
We come from a distance  
And we got a right  
To the tree of life  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?*

*Our lives will be sweeter  
Our lives will be sweeter  
'Cause we got a right  
To the tree of life  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?*

*Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
Ain't you got a right  
To the tree of life?*

## **Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

by Stephanie Kaza



## Closing Music

## *Morning Song*

from *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*

arr. By Joseph M. Martin

### Announcements, Events, and Programming

- As part of our **Share the Plate** program, we will share half of our Sunday plate collection with **UU the Vote** each Sunday in April.
- **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.
- **Join Rev. Fred Small today, April 7, from 3:30 - 5 p.m.** for a reading and signing of his book *Everything Possible*.
- **Coming on April 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Beyond the Binary**, 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.
- **The 63rd UUA General Assembly will take place virtually Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024.** "Love Unites, Stories Ignite" celebrates the profound impact of love as a binding force that transcends boundaries and fosters connections within our faith community and beyond.



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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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