



Meridian Update

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

333 Meridian Street - West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 - uuctc.org

April 19th, 2020



For the Earth Forever Turning

Speaker: Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Associate: Tom Smith

Music: Richard Maddux, Denise Wilson,
and Michael Lewis

Online Support: Oesten Nelson, Alice Pawley,
and Eric Thiel

Order of Service for April 19th, 2020

Gathering Music

Richard Maddux

Daffodil

By Brian Kelly

Call to Worship

Hymn 163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Chalice Lighting *VIII*

Since, despite the stern demands of scientist and realist, we will always be supposing, let us suppose that Nature gave the world flowers and birdsong as a language, by which it might speak to discerning humans. And what must we say back? Not just thanks or praise, but acts of kindness bespeaking kinship with the creatures and with Nature, acts faithful as the woods that dwells in place time out of mind, self-denying as the parenthood of the birds, and like the flowers humble and beautiful.

By Wendell Berry

(Collected & New Sabbath Poems)

Welcome

Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law, This is our covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Song *By Breath* By Sarah Thomsen
Presented by Denise Wilson and
Michael Lewis

Worship Associate's Reflection

Offering

Offertory

Music by Richard Maddux

Message **For the Earth Forever Turning**
Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Meditation **Words** *The Sun*
By Mary Oliver

Richard Maddux **Music** *On The Nature of Daylight*
By Max Richter

Hymn 1064 *Blue Boat Home*
Led by Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis

Chalice Extinguishing

A Blessing of Darkness and Light

Blessed is the dark, in which our dreams stir and are revealed.

Blessed is the dark of earth, where seeds come to life.

Blessed are the depths of the ocean where no light shimmers: the womb of all earthly life.

Blessed is the light into which we awake,
The light that sparkles on the waters:
That calls the tree forth from the seed,
And calls the shadow forth from the tree.

Blessed are we as we move through darkness and through light.

By Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Benediction Holy and Generous Love

Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long and we can bend it toward justice. Go in courage, for together we have the strength to confront injustice in our daily lives and the larger world. Go in love, because a holy and generous love is both the reason and the means by which we transform our lives.

Elena Westbrook

Go in peace gentle people.

Postlude Theme from Contact
By Alan Silvestri

Coffee Time

Please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation. <https://zoom.us/j/2980526757>

Religious Exploration

Zoom meeting from 12-12:30 (RE) and 12:30-1 (Youth) <https://zoom.us/j/528565109>

UU CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rosemary Morrison — Interim Minister

Nicole McCabe — Director of Religious Exploration

Janice Brennan — Musician

Monty Myszak — Office Administrator

Christina Wright — Nursery Coordinator

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org

For more information about the RE (Religious Exploration) program, please contact Nicole McCabe at dre@uuctc.org or visit our RE website at <https://regluu.wordpress.com>.

Week of April 19th-25th

Zoom: Sunday, April 19th from 12-12:30 (Religious Exploration) and 12:30-1:00 (Youth) <https://zoom.us/j/528565109>



Special Guest: Denise Laussade will read more of Little Prince from 12-12:15.

Theme: This week we'll focus on social justice. What is social justice? How can we work together to help others? What are some problems that you see in the world? What are some solutions that you can provide?

Weekly Challenge: Invention Challenge- Design an invention that benefits the world in some way.

Chalice Lighting: What if when I light the chalice, you hear an invitation to welcome gratitude for the earth? This week as I light the chalice, I give thanks for the tree in my backyard, the hot tea that I had for breakfast, and Gator. And, with this flame of hope lighting the world, what is your list?

TFAA/Activities/Resources:

- What Do You Do With An Idea? By, Kobi Yamada
- <https://tolerance.org>
- <https://www.inventions-handbook.com/invention-ideas-for-kids.html>
- Rube Goldberg <https://tinkerlab.com/engineering-kids-rube-goldberg-machine/>
- Social Justice Service- Larry Guentert will be leading a social justice service on May 24th and needs RE help. He would like people to create original art based on the theme of social justice (honoring native people, UU principles, identity, diversity/multiculturalism, dismantling racism, etc.) The images will be collected and played in a slideshow portion of the service. Please submit photos of artwork to dre@uuctc.org by May 3rd and let me know if you have any questions. We need lots of images!!!

Wacky Holidays/Check in Questions:

- 4/19- National Garlic Day (If you could eat only one type of spice, herb, or seasoning for an entire month what would you choose?)
- 4/20- Look-Alike Day (Have you ever been told you look like someone? Do you have a famous lookalike?)
- 4/21- National Kindergarten Day (What is an important lesson that you learned in kindergarten that is still valuable to this day?)
- 4/22- Earth Day (How will you celebrate this big, beautiful planet today?)
- 4/23- National Picnic Day (Tell me about your dream picnic? Where would you go? Who would you eat with? What would you pack to eat?)
- 4/24- National Arbor Day (Tell me about a tree you've loved.)
- 4/25- National Telephone Day (Who would you like to call today? What would you like to tell them?)

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Tuesday—4/21 (Zoom meeting at 7:00pm <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/637713538>)

Spiritual deepening and connecting while exploring spiritual practices

Please join Rev. Rosemary this Wednesday at 7:00 pm for a time of reflection and sharing. Together we will create a brave and sacred space with a chalice lighting, and a check in. We will then explore and experience spiritual practice. This week we will be talking about Sufism and learning about Whirling Dervishes.

Friday—4/24 (Zoom meeting at 7:00pm <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/517380274>)

Adult Social Group—Visit with the minister

Please join Rev. Rosemary each Friday at 7:00 pm for some social time connecting with our fellow congregants. Our time together will have a check in, and a time for unstructured conversation. Bring a beverage of choice, a snack, and whatever is going on for you! This is a chance to casually catch up with one another, share stories, give support and encouragement and have fun together.

To Our UU Congregation:

As you know, our church is a participating partner in Family Promise, the only organization that houses homeless **families** in our area. Our host week is coming up, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteer hosts are not being used now. This places a huge burden on the staff. Currently there is one family in the shelter, and new clients will be housed in hotels so that they can self-isolate. The goal is to bring families into the shelter after they have isolated in hotels for 14 days and do not show any symptoms of the virus. One need is for thermometers so that the families in hotels can take their temperature regularly and know that they are not sick before transferring to the shelter. The director has ordered thermometers, but they are not scheduled to be delivered until May. If you have extras around your house, please consider taking them to the shelter.

Additionally, this is straining the Family Promise budget, and we ask that you consider making a donation to Family Promise so that the program can continue to serve homeless parents and children. You can either write a check to:

Family Promise of Greater Lafayette, Inc.
2010 Elmwood Ave.
Lafayette, IN 47904

Or donate on-line at: <http://www.fpglinc.org/>

Nakeshia, the Family Promise Director, asked that we keep the program's families and staff in our thoughts and prayers as they weather this storm. Thank you to our UU congregation for any help you can give at this time.

Very gratefully,

Jean Tyner and Josh Prokopy

Message from the Board President...

Want to play euchre online with your UUCTC friends!

Contact Linda S. Prokopy for more info - lprokopy@gmail.com

Church expenses

While we're not meeting in person, the majority of our church expenses remain the same, so please continue to pay your pledge! You can pay online or mail a check to the church.

Thanks!

Linda

Coloring Page



NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

Find time for fun with the little people in your life.

Many ideas could be shared via FaceTime, Zoom, or other social media.

Make a bird feeder. Fly a kite. Go on a nature hunt.

Jump in puddles. Plant flowers. Go for a bike ride.

Look up at the clouds. Observe the stars. Blow bubbles.

Wash the car. Draw with sidewalk chalk. Make homemade play-doh.

Catch the sunrise. Go on a bug hunt. Enjoy a sunset.

Enjoy being barefoot in the grass. Have a living room floor picnic. Jump rope.

Hula hoop. Shaving cream play in the tub. Create an obstacle course.