

June 14th, 2020



The Meridian

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

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

Full of Pride



Speaker: Christine McKee

Associate: Janice Thiel

Special Music: Richard Maddux and Kitty Campbell

Online Support: Alice Pawley, Eric Thiel
Link: <http://uuctc.org/sunday>

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Order of Service for June 14th, 2020

Gathering Music *She Keeps Me Warm*
By Mary Lambert

Welcome

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting Sherri Tripodi

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.

Hymn 170 *We Are a Gentle Angry People*
Hilary Noel—Song Leader

Responsive Reading

By Carey McDonald and Terasa Cooley

Offering

Offertory *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*
By Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg
Presented by Richard Maddux
and Kitty Campbell

Message **Full of Pride / Seasons of Love**
With Speaker Christine McKee

Blessing *VI Sororibus de Superbia*
(The Six Sisters of Pride)

Hymn 131 *Love Will Guide Us*
Hilary Noel—Song Leader

Extinguish Chalice

We extinguish our Pride flame today with hope for a better future for all those whose lives have been marginalized.

We extinguish our Pride flame today with love for the fullness that life has to offer.

We extinguish our Pride flame today with compassion for all those hurting from rejection, insults, and violence.

We extinguish our Pride flame with joy for all the expressions of love that surround us and are in us.

We extinguish our Pride flame with the commitment to continue fighting for equal justice, equal rights, equal living for everyone in the rainbow of humanity.

May this hope, love, compassion, and commitment be realized in our lives.

May we do the work to make it so.

Benediction

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break, and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go.

Love intentionally, love extravagantly, love unconditionally.

The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

L.R. Knost

Go in peace gentle people.

Postlude *Same Love*
By Macklemore and Ryan Lewis

Welcome Session/Coffee Time

Please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation in the same zoom space as the service. <http://uuctc.org/sunday>

There will now be a dedicated time to welcome visitors/newcomers during Coffee Time. If you would like to say hello, please join us by letting us know in the chat column before the service ends.

Religious Exploration

Zoom meeting from 12-12:30 (RE) and 12:30-1 (Youth) <https://uuctc.org/re>

Amanda will be the DRE sub. This week we'll celebrate Pride Sunday with a very special story time with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from 12-12:30.

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

UUC News & Announcements

Zoom meeting featuring Melody Le Baron:

Sat. June 13th, 2-4 p.m. If you would like to attend, email Tom Smith at smithtom74@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

Transforming Death: Creating Sacred Space for the Dying.

Most of us are afraid to talk about death and dying, partly because we live in a death-phobic culture. Join us on June 13th when Melody will help us:

- know what you need to do to be prepared for your own death and the death of a loved one
- learn how you can support a loved one who is ill and may be dying, even when you can't be in the room with them
- understand how to support yourself and loved ones through the many processes of dying
- receive ideas on how the environment can support and enhance the experience of dying for everyone involved

Change for Change is back!

Let's help agencies on the frontlines by providing assistance to those in our community impacted by the COVID virus. One of the leaders is Food Finders Food Bank. Use the **Donate** icon at the top of the church web page to make your donation to Food Finders or send a check to the church indicating the donation is for Change for Change in the memo line.

Fundraiser Update

Tomato Plant Sale = \$495.⁰⁰

Face Mask Sale = \$1060.⁰⁰

THANK YOU to everyone who participated!!

Lunch with Rev. Rosemary

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96146624177>

Every **Wednesday at noon** bring your questions, concerns, and of course your lunch to visit with our Interim Minister.

Munch with the Minister

Flower Communion

Deadline Sunday, June 14th

We'll be celebrating Flower Communion on Sunday, June 21st, and we need your help. We are asking everyone to record a short video of each member of your household receiving and passing a flower.

Please see this sample video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?≡sEEZGQ9i2Xs&t=162s>

from the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Please send all videos to amandamestes@gmail.com by Sunday, June 14th. Thanks for your participation. I can't wait to see the final product.

Video Tips:

- Use the front facing camera in panoramic/landscape/horizontal view.
- You should receive to your left and pass off to your right. (The final product will look like you're passing from right to left because of mirror view.)
- Please pause when you receive the flower, hold it in front of you, and pass off the flower. You will want to leave your arm off the screen for an extended period of time to help with editing.
- Be creative if you'd like. Feel free to pause in the middle and do something with your flower. If you don't have a flower, feel free to use a plant or fake flower.
- Let me know if you have questions or need technical help.

The videos will be shared to our virtual Zoom service, FB live service, and private FB groups. Please do NOT send a video if you do not give permission for us to share in those ways. If your child/youth would like to participate (which is highly encouraged), please fill out the permission below by typing in the names and sending to dre@uuctc.org.

"I _____ give permission to UUCTC to use this video of my child _____ in the flower communion service on June 21, 2020."

With love and peace,

Nicole

UUC News & Announcements

All,

I was really disappointed when the public health crisis forced us to cancel the in-person premier of *Uncivil War*, a documentary about voter suppression that features a segment on Indiana gerrymandering and our grassroots fight to reform redistricting. And although we had hoped to reschedule a live event, for the near future at least we need to maintain social distancing, making that impossible.

So, with the assistance of the Bertelsman Foundation, who produced the film, we are excited to invite you to the **virtual premiere of *Uncivil War* on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. Please RSVP at https://actionnetwork.org/events/uncivil-war-online-screening?link_id=0&can_id=ae7394f13225e41455c54083ff788e54&source=email-will-you-join-us-online-june-18th&email_referrer=email_825908&email_subject=will-you-join-us-online-june-18th**

No need to leave your house. **Just click the link above** to register and the morning of the event we will email you a link. Right before 7 p.m. on June 18th, you can click on the link and join voting rights advocates from around the state in viewing this important film. After the film, which runs 55 minutes, you will get the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with the filmmaker and Indiana voting rights activists.

Uncivil War is directed by Indiana native Tom Glynn and in interviews with experts, politicians and activists (including me!) it examines our system of government and lays bare the very real risks facing our democracy. From disinformation campaigns to voter suppression and gerrymandering, *Uncivil War* makes it clear that voters in Indiana, and across the country, are vulnerable to these attacks.

In addition to being an important opportunity for us to educate our community about voter suppression and its impact on our state, the funds raised at the screening will be dedicated to our public mapping website project. The best way we can combat partisan gerrymandering in Indiana next year is to make the process transparent and inclusive of all Hoosiers.

This is particularly relevant right now as the 2020 Census and next year's round of redistricting are coming up. I hope you will be able to join us for this important event.

Thanks for all you do,

Julia Vaughn, Policy Director
and the team at Common Cause Indiana



Child /Youth RE (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>

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Weekly Challenge: Learn more about Pride and complete some activities on the list. <https://mom.com/momlife/259667-ways-celebrate-pride-month/attend-city-wide-pride-event>

Chalice Lighting: "I was not ladylike, nor was I manly. I was something else altogether. There were so many different ways to be beautiful."
- Michael Cunningham

Here are a few practical suggestions for developing inclusive environments for our very young children in which diversity is valued:



We should take an inventory of our home diversity. Making it a point to buy dolls and enjoy media of every race, gender, and providing inclusion of those with disability. While doing so, making certain these are created by members of those groups to support them and to avoid exposing children to generalized or stereotypical content. **We should learn to recognize our own racial biases.** Being careful with the language we use around our children. **We should continually look for opportunities to respectfully immerse our families in other cultures.** We can then work at keeping an open a dialogue about how that feels. We can read books together that depict children from other races and countries. For an incredible list of multi-cultural children's books, check out [Shades of Love](#) at Shelfari.com.

We should listen and observe. We can let children know that we are a safe people to process their feelings and reactions with.

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

CommUUnity Connections

CommUUnity Connections is a new way for us to hear about special notes and information the church receives on a weekly basis.

I am all the more impressed by and appreciative of this gift in the midst of COVID-19. Thank you UUC, for the many ways you bring strength to others in your partnership with Lafayette Urban Ministry!

Thanks to all the UU members for their efforts in putting the Zoom services online. They are much appreciated!

*Hello:
We miss our church so much!*

