

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020



# *The Meridian*

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

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## Fathers and Flowers



**Speaker:** Rev. Rosemary Morrison

**Associate:** Tom Smith

**Music:** Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis

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

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# Order of Service for June 21st, 2020

**Gathering Music** *Old Bean Waltz*  
By Ian Hardie  
Presented by Traveller's Dream

**Welcome**

**Chalice Lighting**

**For the Confusion that is Fatherhood**

In our awareness of patriarchy and the terrors it has unleashed--  
In our knowledge of colonial paternalism and the death and destruction it has engendered--  
In our cultural reduction that defines fathering as "sperm contribution"--  
In repentance and grief, I call on all fathers-- and those who love them:  
May our male stereotypes be dismantled.  
May we seek vulnerability as our way in the world.  
May we become legendary for our gentleness.  
May our fragmentation and loneliness be healed.

By Tom Smith

**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** 38 *Morning Has Broken*  
Led by Denise Wilson/Michael Lewis

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Morgan Megan "Traditional"*  
By Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis

**Poem** *Flowers Have the Gift of Language*  
Video Presentation  
by Rev. Mia Smith

**Worship Associate Reflection** Tom Smith

**Flower Communion**

**Message** **Fathers and Flowers**  
Rev. Rosemary Morrison

**Hymn** 21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Led by Denise Wilson/Michael Lewis

**Extinguish Chalice**

*Within the Heart of the Flower*

Within the heart of the flower, the fountain of beauty  
Within the heart of the community, a fire that warms and dances  
Within the heart of each of us, a spark of the spirit of life.

The chalice we now extinguish reflects that beauty, warmth, and spark of life.  
Let us hold that light in our hearts until we meet again.

By Amy Zucker Morgenstern (adapted)

**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**

**Welcome Session/Coffee Time**

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

**Religious Exploration**

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

Christina will be the DRE sub. This week we'll participate in Flower Communion. Feel free to bring a flower, plant, or fake flower to share.

**UU CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Rosemary Morrison — Interim Minister  
Nicole McCabe — Director of Religious Exploration  
Monty Myszak — Office Administrator  
Christina Wright — Nursery Coordinator

# UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE

Sunday, June 28, 2020, 10:00 a.m. EDT

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will stream on [uua.org/ga](https://www.uua.org/ga) Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. EDT and again at 10:00 a.m. PDT. Members of the public are welcome to view the service. See the following link for more information. <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/sunday-morning-worship>

Each year a talented group of choral singers perform at the Sunday Morning Worship for the General Assembly audience. [Learn about joining the GA Choir.](#)

The worship service will include a collection for the [Tomaquag Museum](#), an indigenous museum featuring an extensive collection and archive of Southern New England tribal communities.

## Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

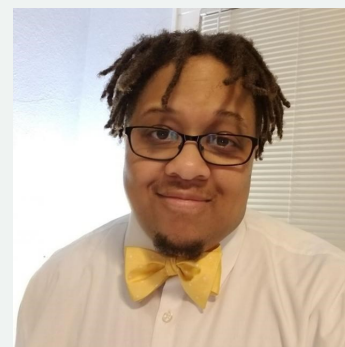
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval is worship leader and will deliver the sermon at the 2020 General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship. She serves as Minister of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT. She is the daughter of immigrants from the Philippines, mother of a kindergartener, and spouse of a proud Vermonter. Beauty, gratitude, and love are at the heart of her faithful striving for collective liberation and a thriving planet.



Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

## Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack

Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack is worship leader at the 2020 General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship. He is currently the Community Minister for Worship and Spiritual Care for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, an organization and growing spiritual community committed to supporting Black folx in our faith, and a co-founder of the Transforming Hearts Collective, a ministry that both supports spaces for LGBTQ people to access resilience, healing, and spirituality and resources faith communities and other groups for the work of radical inclusion and culture shift. He is a husband and father from the South, committed to healing and truth-telling, as well as community accountability and care.



Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack

## Benjie Messer

Benjie Messer is the music director at the 2020 General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship. He currently serves at the UU Congregation of Phoenix and has just completed the UUA's Music Leadership Certification Program. His goal in this year's virtual GA is to share the beauty and joy being created by the wonderful musicians throughout our faith. Benjie's musical experience includes leading a New Orleans brass band, arranging for a digital music start-up, composing for film and media, teaching at every level from preschool through college, and now, like so many staff musicians, leading online rehearsals via conference call.



Benjie Messer

# UU News & Announcements

## New Grounds Committee!

Please join us in thanking **Susanne McConville** and **Lorraine Myer** for agreeing to co-chair this important committee. A small group has joined them in divvying up the spaces around our church, so that no one person has to try to keep up with the whole yard. There are still a couple of areas needing a volunteer "supervisor", most especially the playground area.

Guidelines for this group are:

1. We want the grounds to be appealing and pleasant to look at. We want people to see that we care about our space.
2. We want to honor our 7th Principle of "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."
3. We want the grounds to be as low-maintenance as possible as we strive for both the above.

If you have a few hours to spare, and enjoy digging, planting, raking, or weeding, or would like to take responsibility for the playground, please contact:

Susanne McConville at [suemconville1200@gmail.com](mailto:suemconville1200@gmail.com) or  
Lorraine Myer at [lorraine@rlmyer.com](mailto:lorraine@rlmyer.com).

**Thank you!!**

## 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.

## Virtual Insight Meditation

[lafayetteinsightmeditation@gmail.com](mailto:lafayetteinsightmeditation@gmail.com)

Anyone is welcome to join us for a Virtual Insight Meditation every Monday at 7pm on Zoom! We're a small community that has found deep value in practicing stillness and focusing on awareness on our breathing, thoughts, and supporting each other in doing so.

You can join us at: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuuctc.org%2Finsight-zoom&token=UbpjTHhyV79Vmfhcs9ZwJqoGRov0Ap0vckX9j%2FKXU%2B0%3D>

Join the web-based Zoom meeting (works best on Chrome) at: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuuctc.org%2Finsight-web&token=q%2BqmAjOo9YxgaKw2%2BxwwvWbT7i%2FEfBkqxAkp7MVwn1s%3D>

Meeting ID: 863 1429 6645  
Password: 212486

## Fundraiser Update

Tomato Plant Sale = \$495.<sup>00</sup>

Face Mask Sale = \$1060.<sup>00</sup>

**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**

## Child /Youth RE (Religious Exploration)

RE Calendar: [Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org](mailto:NicoleMcCabe@uuctc.org)

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

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Christina will be the DRE sub. This week we'll participate in Flower Communion. Feel free to bring a flower, plant, or fake flower to share.

**Weekly Challenge:** Explore and discuss the website <https://tolerance.org>.

**Chalice Lighting:** "May the long time sun shine upon you, all love surround you, and the pure light within you guide your way on." - Snatam Kaur