



April 21, 2024, 10:00 am Eastern

April Worship Theme: The Gift of Interdependence

“Poetry Sunday”, Worship and Arts Committee

A poetry service in honor of National Poetry Month and PoemCity. Music will include the UCM choir singing “Great Trees”, a setting of Wendell Berry's poem "Slowly, Slowly, They Return.”

Order of Service

Gathering Song

Come, Come Whoever You Are, #188
Words from Rumi, Music by Lynn Ungar

Worship Team & Congregation

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

“Grandmother Tree”, Ann Blanchard

Leah Greenberg

Prelude

The Birch Tree, by Jean Sibelius

Eliza Thomas, Piano

Opening Words

“Blue Eclipse”, Lotus Fleur

***Opening Hymn**

We Sing of Golden Morning, #44. Words
by Ralph Waldo Emerson, music from
Southern Harmony

Congregation

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation

Adapted from L. Griswold Williams

Leah Greenberg

*Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve human need, To the end that all
souls shall grow into harmony with the divine. Thus do we covenant.*

Children’s Parting Song

As You Go, by Kathleen Tracy

Congregation

*We hold you in our love, as you go, as you go / May your heart be at peace, as you go
To nurture the spark of your precious life / We hold you in our love as you go.*

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit for these worship elements.*

Poems

"Inheritance", Jared Duval
"Poetry Horse", Kristin Glaser
"Children at Recess", Garret White
"Riding the Konkan Kanya Express",
Barbara Thompson

Announcements

Leah Greenberg

Offering

Leah Greenberg

April Community Pouch recipient: **UCM Community Lunch**. Our mission is to provide nutritious meals in a safe, comfortable setting. Meals are cooked by UCM volunteers and served at [Christ Church](#) each Monday 11:30am - 12:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering or joining the Advisory Committee, please write to UCM.communitylunch@gmail.com.



Here are a few comments from the Advisory Committee:

- * 100% of income this year is from donations.
- * Since Covid and the 2023 flood, costs have more than doubled.
- * Monday Community Lunch is a place where people come for the community feeling, as much as for the food. It's a place where they feel cared for. Great job, everyone!

All who come through the door are welcomed and food is available to eat in the dining room OR to take out. We need your support to continue. Thank you for your generosity!

To donate, text "Give" to (802) 266-4848, then amount and Pouch (example: "\$10 Pouch"). Or scan the QR code above to donate via UCM's secure Giving page.

Choir Offering

Donia Prince and UCM Choir

Great Trees, Words by Wendell Berry,
Music by Mary Alice Amidon, arr. Peter
Amidon

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Leah Greenberg

"wild things II", Liz Benjamin
"Renewing My Vows", Betsy Unger
Spoken Joys and Concerns
Words of Meditation/Prayer
Quiet Meditation

Sung Response

UCM Congregation & Choir members

Spirit of Life, STLT #123

Poems

"Freedom Train", Kenric Kite

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“Working Mother”, Katie Spring
“The Edge of Everything”, Jo Bower
“Blessings”, Betsy Unger
“Another Spring”, Sarah Franklin

***Closing Hymn**

Congregation

O Slowly, Slowly, They Return, #342 v.
1,2,3. Words by Wendell Berry, Swiss folk
melody

***Chalice Extinguishing & Unison Mission Statement**

Leah Greenberg

*We welcome all, as we build a loving community, to nurture each person's spiritual journey,
serve human need, and protect the earth, our home.*

***Closing Words**

“Grammie’s Advice to Simone”, Sarah
Franklin

Postlude

Eliza Thomas, Piano

Selection from “Visions Fugitives” by
Sergei Prokofiev

Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after the service, downstairs in the Vestry.

Worship Team & Sunday Morning Volunteers

Minister: Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
Director of Music: Donia Prince
Pianist/Organist: Eliza Thomas
Worship Associate: Leah Greenberg
Flowers: Beth Damon
Lay Pastoral Caregiver: Victoria Battin

Interim Dir. of Spiritual Exploration: Sally Armstrong
Worship Production: Bryce Douglass, Will White
♥Thank you to all of our Hospitality Team and
Spiritual Exploration volunteers! Please contact
Elaine Ball, ucm.membership@gmail.com, if you'd
like to serve as an usher, greeter, or barista.

Announcements

Study Group Forming: My Grandmother's Hands Series, for White Folks.

Come and learn with us how all bodies are impacted by the collective trauma of racism. We will experience together the somatic practices taught by Resmaa Menakem in his healing book, My Grandmother's Hands. Co-sponsored by UCM and The Everything Space, this group will be facilitated by Hazel Turrone. We will meet at UCM on nine Wednesdays, May 1 - June 26, from 7:00-8:30 PM. For full information about the course, facilitator, and cost, [click here](#). We need more sign-ups in order to run this series, so don't delay – *please register now!* To register, [click here](#). Note: [The Everything Space](#) regularly runs a similar series for BIPOC folks. [Click here](#) to reach them.

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