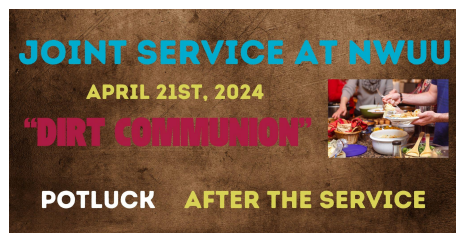


"Dirt Communion"

Rev. Julie Brock; Eva Leventer, Worship Leader



Order of Service

4/21/2024

**WELCOME/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Eva Leventer

PRELUDE

Circle of Life, from "The Lion King"
music by Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice

Todd Ballou

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Julie Brock

CHALICE LIGHTING

Youth

OPENING HYMN #21

For the Beauty of the Earth

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Tree in the Ancient Forest

Rev. Julie Brock

OFFERTORY

The Garden Song (1975) , David Mallet

Todd Ballou

This month Northwest shares 50% of the plate collections with Michigan Liberation. Michigan Liberation is a statewide network of people and organizations organizing to end the criminalization of Black families and communities of color in Michigan.

Text: to 248-574-8034 with your amount + plate, ex. "\$20 plate"

Online: select give to "Plate Collection – 50% Split"



JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Julie Brock

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENCE

Rev. Julie Brock

SUNG RESPONSE #123 (STLT) *Spirit of Life*, words & music: Carolyn McDade

♪ *Spirit of Life, come unto me.*

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. ♪

ACTIVITY

Dirt Facts

Youth

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hope is Like the Wind, music by Ruth Elaine Schram

UU Collective Choir

HOMILY

"Dirt Communion"

Eva Leventer

RITUAL

Dirt Communion

CLOSING HYMN #163

For the Earth Forever Turning

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

Eva Leventer

BENEDICTION

Rev. Julie Brock

RECESSIONAL

Todd Ballou

The Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church

*Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church is a religious community
that challenges us to grow in spirit, knowledge, acceptance, and action.
We provide support and warmth in times of need and joy.*



Aspirational Covenant

We, the members of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation, aspire to be a welcoming, diverse, multigenerational, and inclusive congregation. To this end, we endeavor to:

- Treat each other with respect, trust, kindness, and patience,
- Foster expression of ideas, beliefs, values, identities, and experiences,
- Lift one another and the congregation as a whole,
- Provide a supportive environment for all sharing hope on this journey,
- Listen and learn together while caring for each other and the planet,
- Build a fair, peaceful, and socially responsible world.

May we create a beloved community, with a gentle heart and thoughtful ear, and maintain this community with our Eight Unitarian Universalist Principles as our guide.

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- * Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- * The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part
- * Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Children and Youth Religious Education

We will gather in the multi-purpose room for All Children's Chapel. Children will be learning about composting as a metaphor for transformation. They will also discuss the meaning of impermanence (everything changes) through a buddhist story. Then, the groups will split up and make DIY composters with their leaders. Our Whole Lives will meet in room D.

Upcoming Worship Services @ 10:30 am

- 4.28.2024 — **Joint Worship Service at 1st UU Detroit**
Minister/Speaker; Rev. Julie Brock, Tom Ott, Worship Leader

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Assistive hearing devices are available from the AV Tech.

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Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 pm

For the Beauty of the Earth #21
words by Folliot Sanford Pierpont

Congregation:

For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from
our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Part 1:

For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from
our birth over and around us lies.

Part 2:

Grateful we raise, Grateful we praise.

Part 3:

Source, we raise, this our hymn of praise

Spirit of Life #123

words and music by Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

For the Earth Forever Turning #163
words & music by Kim Oler, arr. Nick Page

1 For the earth forever turning;
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

2 For the mountains, hills, and pastures
in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

3 For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

4 For the world we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning
home to our bluegreen hills of earth.