

Order of Service

4/21/2024

WELCOME/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Eva Leventer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. \$\square\$

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.

MINISTER & STAFF:

Minister: Rev. Juile Brock

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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:

Souce, 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.