

MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 19, 2023

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prelude

Unison Chalice Lighting

May this Flame Light Our Way --Erik Walker Wikstrom
We know things need to change,
Yet we know we'd prefer not to.
We know things must be different,
Yet it would be great if they also stayed as they are,
Or at least remained comfortably familiar.
Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us
To live into the discomfort that change demands,
Because it calls us not to believe in "heaven" or "hell"
But to make this world heaven for all
While alleviating the hell in which so many live.
May this chalice flame we kindle here today,
Light our way into this unknown
and uncomfortable new world,
And may it give us warmth and comfort as we go.

Opening Hymn #38 *Morning Has Broken*

A Time for All Ages

(Sing our youth to their classes: #413 *Go Now in Peace*)

Reading

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

(Congregation Sings #123 *Spirit of Life*)

Pastoral Prayer

Homily *Living Touchstones* Kathy Gillcrist, Robert Demko

Closing Song #1021 *Lean on Me*

Share the Plate -

Text to Give #813-513-0597

Offertory

Doxology #402 *From You I Receive*

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice (in unison)

We extinguish this flame
But not the light of truth,
The warmth of community,
Or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts
Until we are together again.

Shalom (please join together)

Shalom, my friends, Shalom, my friends,
Shalom. Shalom.
‘Til we meet again, ‘Til we meet again,
Shalom. Shalom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday | 03/19 | 9:15am | Quest (D) |
| | | 10:30am | Worship Service (S) Religious Education |
| | | 11:30am | Conversations with the Board (S) Soup Sunday (D) |
| Monday | 03/20 | 11:00am | Movement Class (D) |
| | | 7:00pm | UU Book Discussion Group (D) |
| Tuesday | 03/21 | 1:00pm | Quilting Group (C1) |
| | | 5:15pm | BOT (Z1) |
| Wednesday | 03/22 | 1:00pm | Committee for Ministry (C2) |
| | | 2:00pm | Betty Garrigus Memorial (S,D) |
| | | 4:00pm | OWL for Older Adults (S) |
| | | 5:00pm | STP Committee (OZ) |
| | | 6:45pm | UUCWNC Choir Rehearsal (S) |
| Thursday | 03/23 | 11:00am | Movement Class (D) |
| | | 2:00pm | Campus Assessment (C1) |
| | | 7:00pm | Conversations with the Board (Z2) |
| Friday | 03/24 | 1:00pm | Mah Jongg (D) |
| Saturday | 03/25 | | |
| Sunday | 03/26 | 9:15am | Quest (D) |
| | | 10:30am | Worship Service (S) Religious Education |
| | | 11:40am | All Congregation Meeting (S&Z2) |

Those Who Also Minister

Music: Preston Lennon

Worship Associate: Fran Strauss

Greeters: Kelley Wheat-Rivers, Emma Wheat-Rivers

Welcome Table: Eileen Barley

Hospitality: Dennis McCulley

March Caring Committee Chair: Diane Halley

Room Verger: Pat Wilkie

Zoom Verger: Dan Wheat-Rivers, Ed Brophy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE THE PLATE

Our Share the Plate recipient this week is StepUp Wilmington.

Since its inception in 2003, StepUp's mission has been consistent: *Transforming Lives, One Job at a Time*. StepUp helps develop the skills and confidence needed to get a meaningful job, where a person's capability can be fully realized. Participants demonstrate a sincere desire to get a job and 'the grit' to make that happen.

In addition, the program provides information on finances and budgeting, enabling families to establish a sustainable lifestyle, helping build a stronger community for all.

For more information, visit: stepupwilmington.org

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Board of Trustees is requesting a **Special Meeting of the Congregation** on **Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Noon** in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. *We strongly encourage members to attend.* We will be voting on important decisions.

In preparation for our March 26 meeting, the Board will host two 'Conversations with the Board' sessions for Congregants. BOT members will be reviewing information regarding the votes. *We encourage members to attend.*

1. Sunday, March 19, 2023 after worship services in the Sanctuary
 2. Thursday, March 23, 2023 @7pm on Zoom
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SOUP SUNDAY TODAY!

Today is the last Soup Sunday of the 2022-2023 Season. Please join us in Dobkin Hall, immediately following the service. You don't want to miss the grand finale to a great Soup Season! Four different soups await you, including a vegan option. Delicious desserts are included in your \$6.00 donation. (Soup Sunday is free for Children 12 and under.)

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