

April Soul Matters Theme is Awakening



Engaging the World, Engaging our Lives

Sunday, April 24 - 10:15 am
Sanctuary & Youtube Livestream

Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Music Sunday Service.
Please feel free to participate in-person and join in singing while masked! If you are participating from home, please join in full-throated singing!

Ringing the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *The Rain and the Rainbow* by Sergei Prokofiev Gregory Shifrin, piano

Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting *Toward a Place of Wholeness* by Rev. Viola Abbitt, adapted

We are Unitarian Universalists.

When we lift up our ... Principles, some of us think of them as a form of theology—but they are more important to our collective than that: they do not tell us what we should believe; they tell us how we should be.

We are here today because we are mindful of the past, and because we have hope for the future. We want the practice of this faith to be a fulfilling manifestation of its promise.

Open your hearts. Seek new ways of understanding.

Come, let us worship together.

***Covenant** by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church,

And service is its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To seek the truth in love,

And to help one another.

*Greeting One Another

***Hymn No. 188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* Kiley Korey & Rev. Susan Frances, vocals;
Gregory Shifrin, piano

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.

Ours is no caravan of despair.

Come, yet again come.

Message for All Ages *The Peace Book* by Todd Parr

Sung Response - Hymn No. 155 *Circle Round for Freedom*
Kiley Korey & Rev. Susan Frances, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Reflections

Steve Serikaku, Michelle Novak

Anthem

Where You Go, I Will Go by Shoshana Jedwab, arr. Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Prayer for Weary Times by Rev. Margaret Weis

Sung Response

Be the Light by Lea Morris

Readings

from *Transforming Unitarian Universalist Culture* by Pam Sparr
from *Saving Paradise* by Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock & Rev. Rebecca Ann Parker
from "Innovations and Risk Taking" in *Widening the Circle of Concern*
from *Cherishing Our World* by Rev. Dr. Adam RoberSmith

Giving In Gratitude - Offertory

Today's offering will be shared with Faith in Place, whose mission is: to empower people of diverse faiths and spiritualities to be leaders in advancing environmental and racial justice, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

Offertory Music

"April (Snowdrop)" from *The Seasons* by P. Tchaikovsky Gregory Shifrin, piano

Reflections

Martha Holman, Rev. Susan Frances

***Hymn No. 1028**

Fire of Commitment

Kiley Korey, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice.

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When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Extinguishing the Chalice

by Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

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.

Benediction

Rev. Susan Frances

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Susan Frances, *Assistant Minister for Congregational Life*; Martha Holman, Michelle Novak, Steve Serikaku, *Worship Contributor*; Vickie Hellyer, *Music Director*; Kiley Korey, *Hymn Leader*; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; Shoshana Jedwab, Lea Morris, *Musical Artist*; Adam Gough, *AV Technician*

* Please rise in body or spirit. We invite you to sing along from home.

Please join us for Kinship Time following the service in the back of the sanctuary. Following Kinship time, please join us for the following events for today's Faith Formation Hour:

- Green Team Social Action for All Ages
 - Sack Lunch Making for Connections for the Homeless with Composting Group & Family Ministry Team - Kitchen and Café
 - Upcycle Jewelry Making with Bike the Ridge Group - Sanctuary
 - Planting with Harms Woods Restoration Group - Sanctuary
 - Celebrating with Earth Day Group - Sanctuary
 - Scavenger Hunt with Northwestern University Rain Garden Study Team - South Lawn
- Nursery (ages 0-3) – Room 11