

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist Society
of Wellesley Hills



January 19th, 2020
MLK Sunday: The Touchstone of Authority

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UU Wellesley Hills Choir
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Hospitality Team Leader: Pamela Posey
Ushers: Linda Senecal & Catherine Connor
Greeter: Therese Kelly

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

You are invited to light a candle for any joy or sorrow.

PRELUDE

Sonata in A: Andante Tranquillo
Sonata in D: Andante with variations
F. Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME

*HYMN #1018 "Come and Go with Me"

COMMUNITY GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

Gathered Here
P.A. Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP

UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice to illuminate our faithful way forward
as an inspirational community of hope.
Together, we seek spiritual growth.
We strive for just and responsible action.
We dedicate ourselves to leading lives of compassion
and purpose. Knowing how we have been blessed,
we choose to bless the world.

*HYMN #105 "From Age to Age"

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PARTING SONG #414 "As We Leave This Friendly Place"

As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to ev'ry face;
May the kindness which we learn
Light our hearts 'till we return

TOUCHSTONE REFLECTION

Kathy Kaufmann

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Go Down Moses
Spiritual

***RECEIVING THE OFFERING** #380 "Old Hundredth"

Rejoice in what we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere,
Rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.

COMMUNAL PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION

KINDLED CONCERNS

SUNG MEDITATION #1009 "Meditation on Breathing"

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love. (3x)

RESPONSIVE READING #565 "Prophets"

ANTHEM

Precious Lord
T.A. Dorsey

SERMON

"The Higher Authority"

*HYMN #295 "Sing Out Praises for the Journey"

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Extinguishing this flame which has burned bright
in our midst, we revere what has been kindled
within each one of us — warmth in community,
the light of truth, a perpetual spark of hope.

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Jubilate Deo
M. Praetorius

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

Plate Collection

This week's plate collection will benefit Partakers, a local organization that supports Massachusetts prison education. Partakers' College Behind Bars Program coordinates teams of volunteers who mentor prisoners as they pursue higher education. These mentoring relationships enable incarcerated people to enhance skills critical to completing a college degree, and build trusting personal relationships in the process. Seventeen years ago, UU Wellesley Hills members formed a sponsoring group for Gregory, a "lifer," who received a college degree from BU's Metropolitan College in 2010. We have continued to maintain a close friendship through letters and visits—it has been an educational and enriching experience for all of us! Please make checks out to 'UUSWH' and write "Partakers" on the memo line. As always, pledge payments should be clearly marked.

Our Family Ministries

Have you heard about our Faith Keepers program for children? Ask Acting Director of Educational and Family Ministries Michael Packard how to get involved. Michael can also be found in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Announcements

Vote TODAY for the Recipient of the Final January Plate Collection! All January plate collections will go to organizations involved in racial justice. The final week's collection will go to a recipient chosen by the congregation! Vote for your choice of the nominations we received by members of the congregation at the Social Action table during Fellowship Hour **TODAY**. We will use ranked-choice voting and the organization that gets the majority vote will receive the Jan. 26 plate collection.

Bring a Hearty Appetite for our Bristol Lodge Meal on Sun. Jan 26th at 11:30 a.m. - The Bristol Lodge Congregational Meal is back! The Bristol Lodge team will cook and serve to everyone during Fellowship Hour as a fundraiser for the monthly meals and groceries. Please see the e-blast for more details.

Don't Miss the Social Action Council Book Discussion on Sun. Jan. 26th at 12:30 - On Sun. Jan. 26th, members of our Social Action Council will lead a discussion of the book Shakespeare Saved My Life by Laura Bates. The book details the author's experience as a volunteer teaching Shakespeare in a supermax prison. Read along with us!

Come to 'No Place Like Home': Attainable, Affordable, Sustainable Housing in Our Town?" - On Thurs. Jan. 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wellesley Free Library, a panel of experts will give an overview of the state of affordable housing in Massachusetts. Come listen and join a crucial discussion about what we can do to create a broader range of housing choices in Wellesley, for the sake of the long-term health of our community. This event with the League of Women Voters of Wellesley and the Wellesley Free Library is co-sponsored by our UU Wellesley Hills Advocacy and Witness Task Force.

"Our Faithful Practices" Starts Wed. Feb. 5th! This Spring 2020 adult religious education series helps people to find and foster those spiritual practices that support their spiritual flourishing. On the first Wednesday evening of the next three months (Feb. 5th, Mar. 4th, and Apr. 1st) at 5:30 pm in Rice House, Rev. Kelly and Joan will lead a 3-part series using the compendium Faithful Practices: Everyday Ways to Feed Your Spirit, available from the UUA InSpirit bookstore. The reading is only recommended, not required! Please come to any or all of these sessions of "Our Faithful Practices" as we help one another to practice, practice, practice our faith in our daily lives.

Our Next Appreciation is Sun. Feb. 16th! Just after Valentine's Day this year, we are asking our friends and members of UU Wellesley Hills to share some of the love they feel for this place! In December, Michael and Rev. Kelly lead an exploratory session lifting up the values, experiences, and commitments that form the bonds of this congregation. We will continue that exploration by inviting those who missed that session to consider the few questions we considered then during Fellowship Hour. (Look for that list of questions in Parish Hall after service.) Our next Appreciation Session on Sun. Feb. 16th at 12:30 pm will further explore how our faith community defines itself now and envisions its future. This upcoming session is open to all who want to support our "Building Beloved Community" here.

Opportunities for Leadership at UUSWH- Next year will be an exciting one for UU Wellesley Hills, as we celebrate 150 years as a faith community. It will be a special opportunity to be in leadership as we recall and honor our past and envision and create our future. Please consider nominating yourself for any of the following positions. We need:

- 3 new members for our Standing Committee
- 1 new clerk
- 2 new members for our Nominating Committee

Please contact Kathy Kaufmann, chair of the Nominating Committee at kskaufmann@comcast.net or (781) 235-1175.



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