

Welcome to the
**Unitarian Universalist Society
of Wellesley Hills**



January 26th, 2020

Our Spiritual Sources:

Wisdom from the World's Religions

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason

Worship Associate: Joan DeArtemis, M. Div.

Music Director: Suzanne Cartreine

UU Wellesley Hills Choir

Acting DEFM: Michael Packard, MAPS

Sexton: Fernando Cristancho

Congregational Coordinator: Amanda Spinazzola

Hospitality Team Leader: Loie Williams

Ushers: Linda Senecal & Lisa Markey

Greeter: Jane Sarly

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

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

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A-flat Major, BWV 862*
J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

***HYMN #314** "We are Children of the Earth"

COMMUNITY GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT *Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves*
attr. G. Buddha/Sarum Antiphonal

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 #182** "O, the Beauty in a Life"

TIME FOR ALL AGES "The Wise Teacher's Test"

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*

RESPONSIVE READING #598 "Without Hate"

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Breaths
Y. Barnell

***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)*

SELECTED TEXT From the Dalai Lama

ANTHEM *Daya Kar Daan Bhakti Ka*
Trad. Indian, arr. S. Ramabhadran

SERMON "A Boundless Love"

***HYMN #134** "Our World is One World"

***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 *Shalom, Chaverim*
Trad. Hebrew

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

The flowers are donated by Benjamin D. Unger in honor of his wife's birthday.

Plate Collection

Your Votes Decided this January Plate Collection!

This Sunday, our racial justice plate collection will go to the Equal Justice Initiative, the recipient that topped our ranked-choice voting last Sunday. EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable in American society. Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of Just Mercy, EJI provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. The organization challenges the death penalty and excessive punishment and provides re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people. For more information see <https://www.eji.org>.

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

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 TODAY at 12:30 - 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 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 "Fostering 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.



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