

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



February 16th, 2020
Our Spiritual Sources:
Jewish & Christian Teachings

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason
Worship Associate: Joan DeArtemis, M. Div.
Music Director: Suzanne Cartreine
Guest Organist: Michelle Graveline
UU Wellesley Hills Sunday Choir
Acting DEFM: Michael Packard, MAPS
Sexton: Fernando Cristancho
Congregational Coordinator: Amanda Spinazzola
Hospitality Team Leader: Sheila Boyle
Ushers: Marianne & David Laffitte
Greeter: Therese Kelly

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

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

PRELUDE

O Lamb of God
J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

*HYMN #1046 "Shall We Gather at the River."

COMMUNITY GREETING

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

CHORAL INTROIT

Vieni Spirito, Creatore
J. Berthier

"Come, creator Spirit"

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 #100 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

TIME FOR ALL AGES "The Most Generous Gift"

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*

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Sally Watts

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead
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 LAMPS & KINDRED SOULS

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 #640 "The Beatitudes"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Song of Peace
Jean Langlais

SERMON

"Just Neighbors"

*HYMN #149

"Life Every Voice and Sing"

***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

Be Ours a Religion
T. Benjamin

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

Plate Collection

This week's plate collection will help Burundian Unitarian refugees living in Kigali, Rwanda to meet their basic needs. We have had a special relationship with members of the Burundi Unitarian Church since 2014, when we exchanged visits. The church is still functioning despite the civil unrest that plagues Burundi; unfortunately, many members have had to flee the country for their safety. A small group is living together in exile, supporting each other as they seek a better life. They need approximately \$700 per month and their only source of support is the greater UU community. Checks should be made out to UUSWH and include "Burundi" on the memo line.

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

Appreciation Session *this* Sunday following Fellowship Hour - For Valentine's Day, we are asking friends and members of UU Wellesley Hills to share their love for this place in a special Appreciation Session. We will continue the searching exploration of values that Rev. Kelly and Michael Packard started in December 2019 and invite those who missed the prior session to consider a few questions we asked then. (Find that list of questions in Parish Hall.) Our February session both clarifies and celebrates our core values, as we consider how this faith community defines itself now and envisions its future taking shape. This session is open to anyone wanting to support "Building Beloved Community" here.

Vote TODAY for the Recipient of the Final February Plate Collection! Our February plate collections focused on organizations involved in refugee and immigration justice. The final 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 Feb. 23 plate collection. The nominations this month are International Rescue Committee, Alight, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, and National Immigration Law Center. Stop by the table today and make your voice heard!

UU Wellesley Silent Auction: Begins *this* Sun. Feb. 16th and 23rd at 10 a.m. - You can plan a vacation, fill your social calendar, expand your waistline, work off some calories, and decorate your home. Offerings include a sermon of your choice by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, a range of dining experiences, handyman and editing services--among others! Our silent auction includes both competitive bid and fixed-price (first come, first served) offerings.

Table Time with Our Ministers - Rev. Kelly will hold her next Community Chat at Quebrada Baking Co. from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Mon. Feb. 24th. Stop by then for tasty treats and casual conversation. Rev. Kelly is also available for private appointments Sunday through Wednesday; email her to arrange a time.

Crafts and Conversation Returns - Join us on Sun. Feb. 23rd at 7 p.m. in Rice House! Crafters have included quilters, weavers, knitters, menders, and those with mandala coloring books — but no one needs a craft or project here. Just come to enjoy the company of others.



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Growing the Good in 2020

Two weeks ago, we launched our **Stewardship Drive** and hope to finish it by **Sun. March 1st**. Those who have already pledged continued to show the abundant generosity so evident last year, so our progress toward hitting our **\$341,000 goal is strong**. Peter Stoner will provide a more detailed update of our status during this week's service. For those of you who have not yet pledged, we are attaching below the link to the pledge form. We will also have hard copies available at the upcoming services. Thank you for your continued support.

- The Stewardship Team